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## Zia acts to curb terrorism

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 16 (AFP) — Pakistani President Muhammad Zia-Ul-Haq has decided to authorize "law-abiding citizens" to bear arms to face a resurgence of terrorism during the last few days in Lahore, and Karachi, the country's two biggest cities.

An organized group of terrorists was trying to stir up panic, Gen. Zia said after one of his closest political supporters was assassinated Monday in Karachi and after a series of armed attacks and arson cases had taken place there and in Lahore.

Police blamed the murder of Zahoor Hassan Bhopali on Al Zulfikar, the underground organization headed from Afghanistan by the two sons of the overthrown Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who was hanged by Gen. Zia's martial law regime. Bhopali was a member of the Consultative Council appointed by the president to replace the dissolved

## Kuwaiti diplomat murdered

MADRID, Sept. 16 (Agencies) — Gunmen shot and killed a Kuwaiti diplomat in central Madrid Thursday and wounded another in Karachi, Pakistan.

In the shooting in the Spanish capital, the diplomat's chauffeur was wounded and Madrid police reported they had arrested a suspect a few minutes after the attack. La Paz Hospital said Najeel Sayed Hashem Al-Refaie was dead on arrival. The hospital said his Spanish driver, Guillermo Marin, was in a serious condition and undergoing surgery.

Police said Al-Refaie, the Kuwaiti Embassy's first secretary, was shot as he entered his car outside the embassy in the northern part of the Spanish capital. A police car patrolling in the area arrested a man in his 30s shortly after the shooting, police said. They said they also found a 9mm Beretta pistol near the arrest scene.

Eye-witnesses said the shots were fired as several people were entering the embassy car and two or three gunmen were involved. A Spanish Foreign Ministry spokesman said the diplomat had been in Madrid for almost two years.

At Karachi, unidentified gunmen opened fire on the Kuwaiti consulate Thursday, wounding the acting consul, police sources said.

Hamood Saleh Al-Jutaili was rushed to hospital with bullet wounds to the hands after assailants fired on the consulate building around 10:25 a.m. His condition was later described as satisfactory. Two gunmen were seen escaping in a waiting car.

Local police cordoned off the consulate after the incident and Kuwaiti officials there were referring all queries to Pakistani authorities.

The murder triggered a wave of arrests. Police said a thousand people were detained Tuesday and Wednesday in Karachi. They included student sympathizers of the late Bhutto's Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) who had distributed "subversive literature".

There were two previous waves of arrests — after Al Zulfikar first struck last year by hijacking an airliner, and after discovery of a plot to kill high officials with a booby-trapped Qur'an.

The tension, felt mainly in the two big cities, does not seem to have distracted President Zia from continuing his program of Islamizing society. The steps to cope with "terrorists" do not seem to imply a crack-down on non-violent opponents in the near future, observers said.

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## Japanese face fiscal emergency

TOKYO, Sept. 16 (Agencies) — Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki, citing mounting revenue shortfalls and massive budget deficits, said Thursday that Japan is facing a financial "state of emergency" and asked the Japanese people for help.

In a nationally televised news conference, Suzuki said the lackluster performance of the Japanese economy could lead to tax revenue shortfalls in the current fiscal year equal to \$19 billion to \$20 billion out of planned revenues of about \$141 billion.

His admission of serious financial problems is likely to have political repercussions, coming as it does when the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) is gearing up for a November election to choose a new leadership. Several party figures are considered potential challengers to Suzuki, who took over the LDP leadership — and the prime ministership that goes with it — in 1980, as a compromise choice following the death of Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira.

At that time, Suzuki pledged to "stake my political career" on reforming Japan's bloated bureaucracy and eliminating deficit spending by fiscal 1984.

He said Thursday he stood by "his goal" of ending deficit spending without a tax increase. But his fiscal "crisis declaration" was seen by Japanese newspapers as an effort to placate foes within the LDP before the party showdown in November. Suzuki indicated that salary increases for government workers could be curtailed, and people receiving welfare might have to sacrifice some of their benefits to "share the burden" and help rescue government financing.

The cabinet will meet soon to draw up a new set of measures to stimulate the economy reportedly through increased public works spending and tax credits for smaller businesses, Suzuki said. Although several recent polls have shown him slipping in public esteem — partly because of an inability to manage the economy — the 71-year-old Suzuki is favored to retain his posts as party leader and prime minister.

Suzuki's economic policies have recently come under sharp criticism from former Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda and Toshio Komoto, chief of the economic planning agency. The latter, a leading advocate of stimulating the domestic economy, is widely regarded as one of Suzuki's strongest potential rivals for the LDP leadership post.

Komoto has said the government's target of 5.2 percent economic growth in fiscal 1982 ending next March cannot be achieved without economic inflation. The tax shortfall — the gap between anticipated and received tax revenues — has resulted primarily from the sluggish economy which grew by only 2.5 percent in the first six months of this year.

The worldwide recession has led to a sharp drop in Japan's exports, and depreciation of the yen against the dollar has made imports more expensive. Suzuki said the total of outstanding government bonds had reached the equivalent of \$346 billion, and interest on that alone would reach \$30 billion in fiscal 1982.

He said the fiscal situation in 1983 would be "extremely serious" and said it was "inevitable" that the government will issue more deficit-covering bonds, which already account for more than 20 percent of total government revenues.

In Japan's worst business failure this year, Nippon Glass Company collapsed Thursday owing American banks and other financial institutions \$106.5 million. The company, Japan's largest glass-making company and 40 percent owned by U.S. glass producer

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### Plot to overthrow Mubarak foiled

CAIRO, Sept. 16 (AFP) — Security forces have foiled a coup attempt and arrested the plotters, the justice ministry announced Thursday.

The number of those arrested, who belonged to the Moslem Al Jihad Movement, was not given. The arrests come only three weeks before the end of the one year state of emergency decreed after the killing of former President Anwar Sadat Oct. 6.

A year ago, a number of Al Jihad members were sentenced by the state security court during the crackdown on extremists but some others escaped arrest.

The justice ministry said that those arrested had links with outside elements and Egyptians abroad, and had considerable funds, arms and explosives that they were ready to use in a coup attempt. They also planned to free by force the jailed members of their group or hijack an aircraft to blackmail the authorities if they failed, the ministry said.

Security forces seized arms, money and tracts and an enquiry was underway.

### Iraqi jet shot down

LONDON, Sept. 16 (R) — Iranian planes Thursday shot down an Iraqi MIG-25 trying to bomb targets in the Khuzestan province in southern Iran, the national news agency Isna reported.

## Lebanon seeks U.S. intervention

## Israel penetrates W. Beirut

BEIRUT, Sept. 16 (Agencies) — Israel seized control of West Beirut's key points in a rapid tank thrust Thursday, prompting an outraged Lebanon to plead for U.S. intervention to stop the conquest of this Mediterranean capital.

The Lebanese government charged Israel double-crossed the United States. France

and Italy by invading West Beirut shortly after their peacekeeping forces withdrew from the city.

Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan and Foreign Minister Fuad Butros called on the United States to prove the credibility of its guarantees by making Israel withdraw its forces from Beirut "at once." Both said in separate statements the United States has given "numerous assurances and guarantees" that Israeli forces would refrain from entering West Beirut once Palestinian commandos were evacuated from the city.

The statements rejected as "untrue and irrelevant" Israeli claims that it was invading West Beirut to prevent instability in the wake of President-elect Bashir Gemayel's assassination last Tuesday. "This is a false justification, totally incorrect," Wazzan said.

"This is an Israeli exploitation, an exploitation of an opportunity. I am confident American officials now realize this. We are waiting for their reaction."

In Washington, the United States criticized Israel's occupation of West Beirut as unjustified and called for an immediate withdrawal. State Department spokesman John Hughes said the Israeli military movements after the assassination of Gemayel violated terms of a Beirut peace agreement reached in August.

State radio and foreign correspondents reported Israeli tanks and troops holding

### Supports Palestinian state

## Brezhnev unveils M.E. peace plan

MOSCOW, Sept. 16 (AP) — Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev Wednesday laid out a six-point plan for bringing "lasting peace" to the Mideast based on the creation of an independent Palestinian state on the West Bank of the Jordan River and the Gaza Strip.

Rejecting U.S. President Ronald Reagan's Mideast peace plan, Brezhnev called it "basically vicious" for denying the Palestinians the right to an independent state. Reagan has proposed establishment of a Palestinian entity in association with Jordan, incorporating territory now occupied by the Israelis.

Instead, the Soviet leader called for a sovereign Palestinian state on lands vacated by the Israelis, specifically the West Bank and the Gaza strip. He said Palestinian refugees must be given the opportunity to return to

their former homes or get "appropriate compensation for the property they left."

In addition, Brezhnev said, the eastern part of occupied Jerusalem must be returned to the Arabs "and become an inseparable part of the Palestinian state. Free access of believers to the holy shrines of the three religious must be ensured in the whole of Jerusalem."

Speaking at a Kremlin dinner for South Yemen's President Ali Nasser Muhammad, the Soviet leader said all lands occupied by the Israelis since 1967 — the Golan Heights, the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and areas of Lebanon — must be returned to the Arabs.

"The borders between Israel and the Arab states must be declared inviolable," Brezhnev said, in a text of his remarks distributed by the official news agency Tass.

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## Invaders killed Gemayel, Syria says

day (the time reportedly Gemayel was killed in an explosion which destroyed his East Beirut offices), the Israeli division commander instructed his troops to enter West Beirut.

At 1800 GMT, the commander, who was not identified, gave his troops "further indications which streets they should go in after midnight, after he was sure that the president-elect had died," he added. "Thus, it is clear that Israel planned the murder and what steps should follow. The Lebanese should have paid more attention to Israeli ambitions and to the methods Israel can use to achieve its aims," he said.

The president-elect started talking recently in this sense, while Israel did not wish to withdraw its forces completely from Lebanon in view of its ambitions there. Also Israel wanted to sign a treaty with Lebanon while its troops were still in Beirut," the official said. He added that at 1400GMT Tues-

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## Ex-Iranian minister, Ghotbzadeh, executed

TEHRAN, Sept. 16 (AFP) — Former Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh, 46, was executed by the firing squad during the night after being found guilty of plotting to overthrow the Iranian regime, an army revolutionary tribunal spokesman said here.

Ghotbzadeh, foreign minister from December 1979 to September 1980 in the early days of the Islamic Republic, was arrested April 10 on charges of plotting to overthrow the republic and assassinate Ayatollah Khomeini, in the courtroom of the Evin Prison north of Tehran.

Political and judicial authorities here said the plot which Ghotbzadeh was accused of master-minding was the biggest since the establishment of the Islamic Republic three years ago. His three-day trial ended Aug. 22. Since his trial, he has attended those of 12 other persons accused of involvement in the plot, including the son-in-law of Ayatollah Khomeini, and three army

officers. These verdicts have not been announced.

Recent photos of Ghotbzadeh in the Iranian press showed that he had grown a beard and gained weight during his recent detention. He was shown sitting at a table decorated with pictures of Ayatollah Khomeini, in the courtroom of the Evin Prison north of Tehran.

Last April, Ghotbzadeh publicly confessed to the charges against him and made accusations against Ayatollah Shariat-Madari. Ayatollah Shariat-Madari was stripped of his religious titles and became the target of a public campaign to discredit him.

The campaign against Ayatollah Shariat-Madari also culminated in a public confession: "I feel guilty before God for not having informed the authorities as I should have, and I regret what I did," he said on television May 2.

## People living near Galunggung Volcano face famine

JAKARTA, Sept. 16 (Agencies) — More than 250,000 people living near West Java's Galunggung Volcano face starvation when the monsoon season arrives in the next few weeks. Social Affairs Department official Harun Al Rashid said Thursday.

Harun, the director general for social aid, said mudslides from the slopes of the volcano, which has erupted more than 400 times in the past five months, could damage wide areas of paddy fields and farms.

The 2,168-meter (7,154-foot) volcano, about 300 kilometers (180 miles) southeast of Jakarta, has driven more than 150,000 people from their homes since it began erupting in April. About 50 people have died, officials said.

The 140,000 inhabitants of the town of Tasikmalaya, only 12 kilometers from the

volcano, live in daily fear of being crushed, according to the Deputy Mayor Adang Rusman. But a total of 250,000 people in the immediate vicinity of the volcano will be in danger if they are not evacuated in time, the United Nations Agency for coordinating aid for catastrophe victims has reported.

Molten lava and rock ruined hundreds of houses in 40 neighboring villages in April and spread a two-meters thick blanket of ash over them. Families forced to flee the area and refuse to go elsewhere are being looked after by the Indonesian Red Cross.

Regional health authorities reported that despite various aid relief, 29 refugees have died either from protein deficiency or respiratory problems caused by volcanic dust. The 1,500,000 local people living in this region often suffer from lung troubles, fever and headaches due to dust. The authorities have built dams and ditches to block the slide of tens of millions of volcanic residue and a "maximum alert" system has been worked out for the Tasikmalaya region in the event of a new violent eruption.

Meanwhile, a Swedish specialist in "mass evacuation" has arrived here from Jakarta to study the situation. American, French and Japanese volcanologists who have gone to Galunggung to try and determine whether it is likely to erupt in the near future, have all arrived at different conclusions.

A scientist at Cikasaran observatory just six kms from the volcano predicts that: "A new flow of molten lava could cause a catastrophe." But other scientists believe that heavy rains might "neutralize" it.

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**Using Fez summit proposals****GCC role is mediation**

JEDDAH, Sept. 16 — Gulf Cooperation Council member states will play a vital role in mediating to end inter-Arab rifts and other resolutions of the recent Fez Arab summit, according to GCC Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs Ibrahim Al-Sobhi.

"We hope Arab solidarity will be achieved through the summit's resolutions, regain the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and eliminate differences," Sobhi said in an interview with *Olay* Thursday. "The resolutions represent the Arab consensus," he added.

**Bahrain welcomes GCC summit**

RIYADH, Sept. 16 (SPA) — Bahraini Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Yousef Shirawi has welcomed the convening of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) summit in Bahrain in November.

In an interview with *Al-Riyad* Shirawi said the upcoming summit would be "another circle in the chain of cohesion among the council states."

He said that a number of working papers, prepared by a number of ministerial committees, and the council's general secretariat, would be presented at the summit.

The Bahraini minister of state said these papers were aimed at consolidating cooperation among Gulf states.

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**Hadeed maps plant start-up**

RIYADH, Sept. 16 (SPA) — Completion of construction work, operation and training of national personnel for the Saudi Arabian Iron and Steel Company (Hadeed) were discussed during a meeting of the company's board of directors in Jubail.

The meeting comes in the context of preparations for beginning operation and production by the plant at the beginning of 1983. The board also discussed operation and production schedules for the complex which includes two midrex direct reduction units for producing sponge iron, a smelting furnace for steel production and a mill for reinforcement bars and rods.

The company's production will meet more than 70 percent of the domestic iron and steel market demands. Hadeed is one of the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) 10 basic industries. It was established as a joint venture between SABIC and Kort Stahl of West Germany. Hadeed will produce 800,000 tons of reinforcement bars per annum.

The company has signed agreements for raw materials with Brazilian and Swedish groups. The first shipment arrived recently to be used for test operations before the beginning of production. Built at a cost of SR3 billion, Hadeed is the largest steel-making complex on the Arabian Peninsula.

**Student beatings investigated****Jury returns no indictments**

OTTUMWA, Iowa, Sept. 16 (AP) — A Wapello County Grand Jury returned no indictments after completing an investigation into the Aug. 29 beatings of five Saudi Arabian employees of Saudia Airlines, officials said.

But Mayor Jerry Parker, who anticipated the grand jury would not find evidence serious enough to warrant indictments on state charges, said city officials plan to file less serious charges against three men, probably Thursday.

Grand jury foreman Ronald Beasley said that after a "full and complete investigation" the grand jury lacked sufficient evidence to return indictments against anyone.

The five-man, two-woman jury convened Monday and issued its finding Wednesday.

**BRIEFS****King receives cables**

RIYADH, (SPA) — King Fahd Thursday received a cable of thanks from Singapore's President C. V. Devan Nair in reply to the Saudi Arabian monarch's best wishes on the occasion of Singapore's national day. He also received a similar cable from Belgium's King Baudouin in reply to King Fahd's greetings on the occasion of the Belgian monarch's birthday. In their cables, President Nair and King Baudouin wished the Saudi Arabian people continued progress and prosperity.

**Apricorp annual meeting**

AL-KHOBAR, (SPA) — The Arab Petroleum Investment Corporation (Apricorp) board of directors held its third annual meeting in Paris on Thursday, under the chairmanship of Saudi Petroleum Deputy-Governor Jamal Hassan Jawa. The gathering discussed the corporation's financial situation for the first half of this year, its investment activities and a report on the corporation's performance and progress.

**Foreign labor recommendations**

JEDDAH, — Reports and recommendations of a seminar on recruitment of labor from abroad, will soon be submitted to the Interior Ministry, *Al-Mesā'eyah* reported. The seminar was presided over by Dr. Abdul Jalil Saif, the director general for labor import. It was attended by directors of

At a news conference last week, Parker said three young men had signed written confessions. He said the city would file charges if the grand jury failed to return indictments.

The beatings were among several incidents of violence against the Saudi Arabinians, who were enrolled in aircraft and English language training classes operated by Northrop Corp.

Several days after the beatings, a shot was fired at two Saudi Arabian students in downtown Ottumwa. Neither was hurt, but the shooting prompted Saudia to move the students from Ottumwa and abandon the program.

The students said they were attacked by more than 20 men Aug. 29. Five of the students were hospitalized.

recruitment offices and other officials. Action will be rapidly taken to implement the symposium's recommendations.

**Dammam food festival**

DAMMAM, — The Mediterranean Food Festival began Wednesday at the Dammam Oberoi Hotel in the Al Ghazal Restaurant. French, Italian, and Lebanese specialties will be served until September 30.

**Summer closing scheduled**

AHSA, (SPA) — Ahsa's Social Development Center will hold the closing ceremony for its summer activities on Sept. 21. More than 1,200 youths from rural clubs participated in the two-month program this year. The center had earmarked SR62,000 to finance the summer program.

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**Kingdom's Islam, pilgrimage services hailed by MWL**

JEDDAH, Sept. 16 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia's role in promoting the call to Islam and serving pilgrims was commended Thursday by Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, secretary general of the Muslim World League.

Sheikh Muhammad dwelt on Islamic thinking

and the means at the disposal of Islamic

information to disseminate the Islamic way

of life during a lecture here Thursday on

"The Role of Information in Islamic

and the Causes of the Islamic Ummah."

The lecture was attended by Information

Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani, his

undersecretary Dr. Abdul Aziz Kohjoh,

members of the league's constituent assem-

bly, and other Muslim intellectuals and prom-

inent personalities.

Sheikh Muhammad said that Islamic

Information could play a leading part in con-

fronting the political, economic and intel-

lectual problems plaguing the Islamic world.

He noted that Saudi Arabia has been in the fore-

front of Islamic promoters ever since the

Kingdom was unified by King Abdul Aziz.

Harakan recalled that in his address on

the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr (the feast that winds

up the month of fasting) he had said that rule

in Saudi Arabia rested on two concepts, the

call to Allah, in the first place, and consulta-

tion among Muslims or Shura. He thanked

Saudi Arabia for its generous moral and mat-

erial support to the league to enable it dis-

charge the mission entrusted to it by the

Islamic world.

Harakan said that in its effort to promote

Islam, the league had printed and distributed

millions of copies of the Holy Quran and

other Islamic books. It also set up its own

print shop for the Quran and religious books.

Moreover, the league mobilized a large

number of preachers, trained them and sent

them to preach Islam in the various parts of

the world. After the lecture, Sheikh

Muhammad replied to a number of queries

He told *Arab News*, the delegation is

expected to stay in the Kingdom for about six

weeks and proposes to call on King Fahd,

Crown Prince Abdullah, Minister of Defense

and Civil Aviation Prince Sultan, Foreign

Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal and Minister

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Chartered flights from India began arrivi-

ng on Aug. 14, and the first chartered flight

to arrive at King Abdul Aziz International

Airport was on Air-India flight, said Shekha-

ran. Its 24 chartered flights have already

arrived. Return flights will commence Oct. 4

until Nov. 23, he added.

Shekharan said the proposal for

Jeddah-Trivendrum flight is still under

the consideration of both sides and no decision

has so far been taken. For the convenience of

the travelers, Air-India has introduced

Jeddah-Bombay flight on Thursday evening,

he added.

Meets Italian foreign minister

# Arafat calls on West to halt Israeli thrust

ROME, Sept. 16 (Agencies) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has appealed to Italy, France and the United States to act on their guarantees to protect West Beirut from Israeli attack, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) said Thursday. Arafat made the appeal when he met Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo Wednesday, asking Italy to contact the other two countries, it reported.

Italy, France and the United States provided troops for the force that supervised the withdrawal of Palestinian commandos from Beirut.

"The Israeli Army has invaded the western sector of Beirut despite guarantees by the multinational force, particularly the United States, to protect the Palestinian refugee camps and their inhabitants," the PLO statement said. It called on the three Western nations to "carry out to the full their task and guarantee the safety of the Palestinian civilians in the Beirut camps, which were occupied by the Israelis yesterday."

Arafat is on the second day of a visit to Italy which political sources here have described as a diplomatic triumph for the Palestinian cause.

Arafat said the multinational force had a special duty to protect the estimated 300,000 non-combatant Palestinians in the Beirut camps during the evacuation of PLO fighting men earlier this month. The PLO chief, visibly elated by his audience Wednesday with Pope John Paul and Italian President Sandro Pertini, met Flaminio Piccoli, president of the conservative and influential Christian Democratic Party, Thursday morning.

The Vatican meanwhile said in a statement that the pope, acting out of his anxiety over the Middle East peace process, had told Arafat that the Palestinian people had the right to a homeland, as Israel was entitled to its security.

Arafat described his papal audience as "an historic event" while political sources said the meetings with President Pertini and Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo amounted to a major diplomatic advance for the organization.

A foreign ministry spokesman confirmed that Colombo had contacted the two other governments involved in the multinational

force, through diplomatic channels, after the PLO asked them to re-establish the security of the camps.

The PLO statement urged a mobilization of international opinion "of the same order as during the siege of Beirut to halt this aggression against women, children and aged persons among the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples."

Arafat was the guest Thursday morning of Rome City Mayor Ugo Viceri, a Communist, who expressed solidarity with what he called the "just Palestinian cause." Arafat later called on Senate leader Amintore Fanfani.

Meanwhile, Italian government officials rejected as "inadmissible" the Israeli Foreign Ministry criticism of President Pertini's luncheon meeting with Arafat at the Quirinal Palace.

Commenting on Arafat's talks with Pertini, the Israeli Foreign Ministry said Italy rewarded the "perpetrators of terror who threaten the very foundations of democracy and moral values."

"The language used by the Israeli spokesman is inadmissible," said officials at Premier Giovanni Spadolini's office.

The officials noted that Pertini, in his address Tuesday to the Inter-Parliamentary Union, called for peaceful coexistence of the Israelis, with their security guaranteed, and the Palestinians, "who should regain their national identity."

Vatican sources again expressed their displeasure over Israel's harsh reaction to the papal meeting with Arafat. "We feel the Israeli attacks were totally unjustified and the words their leaders used in extremely poor taste," said a Vatican official who asked not to be identified.

In the meantime, Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has sent a message to Arafat reaffirming "the unconditional support of the Indian people to the PLO," the Indian Embassy in Tunis announced Wednesday.

"After the heroic resistance of the Palestinian people to the latest Israeli aggression in Lebanon, the (Palestinian) movement enters into a new phase in which you may be assured that your cause enjoys an unprecedented support throughout the world," Mrs. Gandhi said in the message.

## BRIEFS

VIENNA, (R) — Nigeria and Romania have said there was room for both a Palestinian state and Israel in the Middle East, according to a communiqué issued in Bucharest Wednesday. The communiqué, issued at the end of a three-day visit to Romania by Nigerian President Shehu Shagari, called for an international conference under the sponsorship of the United Nations to resolve the Middle East crisis.

LONDON, (AP) — British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym will make official visits to

Syria and Egypt next month, the Foreign Office announced Thursday. He will visit Jordan in November. Pym will be in Syria from Oct. 9 to 11 as guest of Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam.

TEL AVIV, (R) — Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin will pay an official visit to Zaire in the second half of October, Zaire's ambassador said here Thursday.

LONDON, (R) — Ten persons were executed in Tehran Wednesday for drug offenses, a Tehran newspaper said Thursday.

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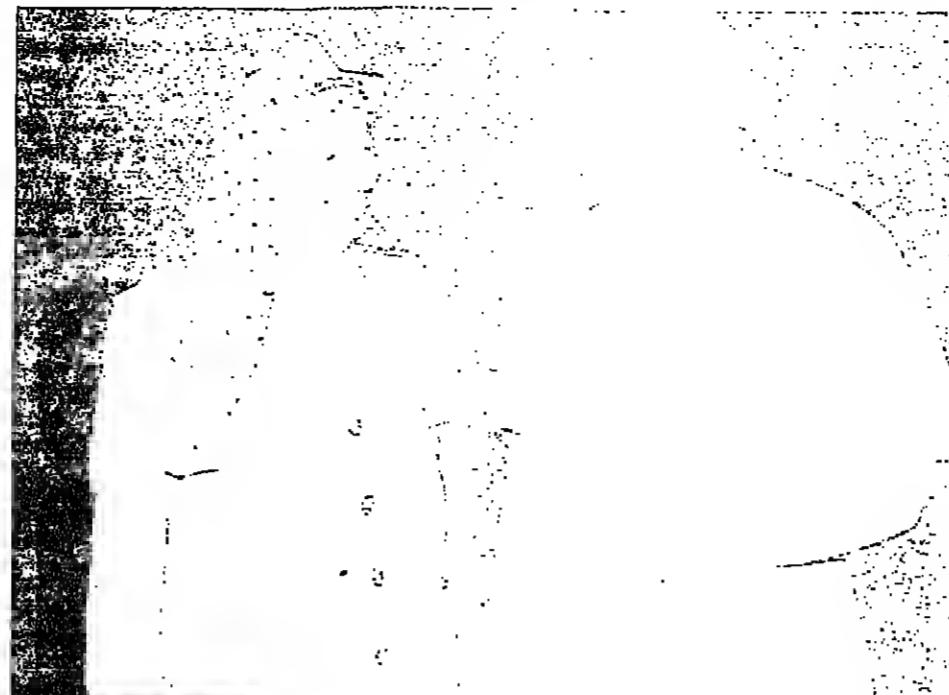
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MEETS POPE: PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat (left) meets Pope John Paul II during an audience at the Vatican Wednesday. Arafat described the meeting as a "historic event."

## U.S. tried to meet with Arafat

ROME, Sept. 16 (AP) — U.S. officials tried frantically to prevent a meeting of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat with Pope John Paul II, and in the process, Italy, Italian officials said Thursday.

While Arafat was addressing the Inter-Parliamentary Union meeting inside Italy's parliament building, U.S. Ambassor James W. Rabb was entering with Premier Giovanni Spadolini, less than 50 meters away. The U.S. Embassy said, not going beyond confirming that the one-hour encounter took place.

But Italian officials, who declined to be identified, said the ambassador discussed the impact of Arafat's visit, the new situation in Lebanon after the death of its President-elect Bashir Gemayel, and a possible meeting with Spadolini to the United States.

Previously, U.S. Undersecretary of State

SOURCE: AP/WIDEWORLD

PESHAWAR, Sept. 16 (AP) — A Soviet soldier who deserted told here Tuesday his troops were suffering from dysentery because of tribal resistance in Afghanistan. Anatoli Mikhailovich Sakharov, 19, in a talk with foreign newsmen in the northern Afghan freedom fighters' base, said he would forget his life in the Soviet Union if he could only return to his home town.

He was presented Monday to several news correspondents who were taken in a four-wheel drive vehicle by the Afghan Mujahedeen to a place they claimed to be their territory.

The brown-eyed, golden-haired youth, from the Soviet Socialist Republic of Moldavia bordering Romania, was clad in rugged

clothing and was barefoot.

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By John Crasto

BOMBAY, Sept. 16—Asian supremacy is no myth. It's a reality. Indonesia has been the force of bygone years. Communist China dominates today. The Asiad '82 will see the giants clash. Who will emerge triumphant, China or Indonesia?

Fabulous Rudy Hartono became a legend



King ... the Indonesian star

## Cardinals too good for Phillies

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (AP) — Joaquin Andujar pitched three-hitters as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Philadelphia Phillies 8-0 Wednesday night for the third shutout in the crucial three-game series between the National League East leaders.

The Cardinals, who got four runs batted in from George Hendrick, moved 1 1/2 games ahead of the runnerup Phillies in the division. The Phillies' Steve Carlton blanked the Cardinals 2-0 Monday night, while starter John Stuper and reliever Bruce Sutter combined to hold the Phillies scoreless 2-0 Tuesday night.

Then it was the 29-year-old Andujar's turn. He boosted his record to 13-10, with his fifth shutout this season. While Andujar muted the Phillies' bats, the Cardinals put the game away in the third with a five-run rally off John Denny, who was making his first start for the Phillies since being acquired from Cleveland last Saturday.

Hendrick singled with the bases loaded to knock in two runs. Darrell Porter singled to knock in two more and scored when George Vukovich let the ball roll through his legs to the right field wall for an error.

Elsewhere in the N.L., Jody Davis belted a three-run homer and Keith Moreland and Leon Durham added solo shots as Chicago stopped Pittsburgh 7-2. Dickie Thon slammed a three-run double to propel Houston to a 5-4 victory over Atlanta. Andre Dawson belted his 20th home run leading off the 11th inning to give Montreal a 6-5 victory over New York.

In the American League, Roy Howell drove in three runs with a double and a single to lead Milwaukee over Detroit 5-3. Cal Ripken Jr. rapped a two-run double to tie the score during Baltimore's six-run sixth inning and scored the go-ahead run on Eddie Murray's double as the Orioles defeated New York 8-5.

Vance Law's two-run triple keyed a five-run fourth as Chicago defeated California 8-3. Andre Thornton drove in three runs with a homer and a single, leading Cleveland to a 7-4 victory over Boston.

A pair of Oakland errors allowed two runs to score in the seventh and Luis Leal scattered four hits in 7 and 2-3 innings as Toronto downed the A's 3-2 in the first game of a doubleheader. Dave Baker, atoming for three errors, singled home a run in the ninth to give the Blue Jays a 12-11 victory in the nightcap.

Viyapati belted four hits and Lenny Paeo drove in three runs to power Minnesota to a 10-2 victory over Texas. Steve Hammond lined a one-out, bases-loaded single off first baseman Jim Maler's glove in the 11th inning to carry the Kansas City Royals to a 5-4 victory over the Seattle Mariners.

In late N.L. action, Burt Hooton fired a three-hitter, Los Angeles' second successive shutout, and Pedro Guerrero slammed his 30th home run, leading the Dodgers to a 5-0 victory over San Francisco.

Pinch-hitter Chili Davis cracked a two-run homer with one out in the eighth inning to lead the San Francisco Giants to a come-from-behind 5-4 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

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# China should keep the 'bird' flying high

## While Indonesia chips in with fireworks at Asiad

in his lifetime. He set the seal of Indonesian supremacy. Liem Swie King is the current raging star who fell and rose to greatness. His pedestal was smashed to smithereens but he picked up the pieces to be king again. Today, Luis Pongoh, a fiery smashing machine, and Icuk Sugianto with the hrawn of a footballer and the ferret brain of a bankman are in search of glory. With Liem Swie King and Hadiyanto and Dhany Sartika, the quintet form the cornerstone of Indonesian fightback.

Chinese players have hit the forefront in a dramatic comeback. They laid Indonesia low in the epic final where Luan Jin, Han Jian and company made history in a fantastic Chinese rally to become the top badminton nation in the world. But they are under pressure now. They have to make good at the Asian Games contest because this is a prestige issue — a home affair in a continent where the greatest world stars of badminton have been produced.

Luan Jin, Han Jian and Chen Changie were heroes of China's Thomas Cup win. They have risen to the realms of more than ordinary mortals. But they are not as great as the once invincible Rudy Hartono. Nor are they as fast and furious as they have been built up to be. They are vulnerable as Frost Hansen, the reigning All-England champion from Denmark, has shown. India's Prakash Padukone, too, subdued both Luan Jin and Han Jian. But what makes them so formidable is their spirit of indomitable. They are always a team encouraging one another, they are diehards to the extremities of physical exhaustion.

When you become champions you cannot stay in a state of euphoria. You have got to

plan, you have to work ceaselessly. You have got to stay at the top because what is all roses today can turn to brickbats tomorrow. China have innumerable pressures to face on all fronts. They must ensure that Indonesia do not pull the rug from under their feet, they must ascertain the smooth flow of capital into their country. And they must keep their prestige at the highest. A tall order by any counts all these musts.

The pressure sometimes smothers you. That is why new champions emerge with so much frequency. Indonesia is a foe worthy of being wary about. Their strategies, their wealth of talent and their capabilities have always been phenomenal. They always have something up their sleeves. Probably the ace in Indonesia's deck will be Icuk Sugianto. The tough teenager has maturity which belies his youthful structure. He is the replacement for lion-hearted Rudy Hartono who, great as he used to be, was the weak link in Indonesia's armour in the Thomas Cup final. Sugianto and Luis Pongoh will be Indonesia's strong cards — mighty challengers both and with a lot of fire and fury to boot.

Luis Pongoh has never gone beyond the All-England quarterfinals. He recently won the Indian Masters final at Hyderabad in India. He was the raging tornado who crushed Indian champion, Syed Modi, in a

second game of awesome fury. "I want to make the breakthrough", said Pongoh. The way he is playing he could rival in fury and skill even the great Liem Swie King whom he beat in the Indonesian Open a week after his success in India. He could slay the Chinese with his fireball fury.

But where Pongoh is the bludgeon Sugianto is the rapier. He has a phenomenal defense and plays a rally game to rival the best in the world. He has a vicious punch too as India's Prakash Padukone, Kuala Lumpur World Cup champion of last year and one of the best rally players in the world, found to his discomfiture in the Indian Masters. Sugianto's triumph was almost a repeat of the way Liem Swie King hammered Prakash Padukone at Wembley in the All-England final last year. His victory over Pongoh in the Indonesian Open was ample evidence that Sugianto has come to stay. He is going to hit the headlines soon.

If I have dwelt at length on China and Indonesia it is only because it would be futile to look beyond the Big Two for the Asian Games title. Malaysia, South Korea and India will have to settle for the men's bronze between themselves while it could be a straight fight between India, Japan and South Korea on the feminine front. The Sidek brothers made history with their spinning backhand service. Musbun, Razif

and Jalani are three capable performers. Musbun is an outstanding singles player and Razif and Jalani have the All-England men's doubles title to show their proficiency in the paired event. If they have some more players with similar proficiency then Malaysia could be the best bet for a third place.

India have only one notable singles player in their National Champion, Syed Modi is one of the world's most stylish players. But he lacks power. Unlike Prakash Padukone who has power but does not produce ferocity when the occasion demands Syed Modi just does not have the punch. It is sad that this great strokeplayer is languishing behind because Indian coaches have yet to realize that power is a must. Fury and subtlety go together to fashion a worldbeater today. On the paired side the Indians have a 'discard' combination, Leroy D'Sa and Pradeep Gandhi were on their way out of the National side when chance brought them together as a last-minute combination. They have swept all aside in the country and do make a good pair. And truly if India does get the bronze it will be because it has a greater number of better than average players than either Malaysia or South Korea.

China will in all certainty bag the women's gold. Zhang Ailing, Zheng Yuji, Wu Diki and a whole lot of them are streets ahead of even the Indonesians who will have to match swords with Japan. Sumiko Kitada and Yoshiko Yonekura are as formidable as Indonesia's Jvana Lie and Wiharto Verawaty, former world champion Indonesia though has a greater complement of good players.

Whichever be the nation to emerge supreme the quality of badminton in the Asian Games will be such to make even football-mad sports editors realize that this game has appeal, it can make headlines. The tempo for the game is high but the tune is not lost. China and Indonesia will provide a new, throbbing rhythm which will soon be hummed the world over.



Luan Jin ... the Chinese spearhead

## As Swansea finds goals cheaper by the dozen

### Maradona nets three in Barcelona's big victory

LONDON, Sept. 16 (R) — Past master Johan Cruyff and heir apparent Diego Maradona shared the European soccer limelight Wednesday night.

Cruyff, three times European footballer of the year and now 35, did not carve his name on the scoreline but inspired Ajax of Amsterdam to a 2-2 draw in their Champions' Cup first round first-leg tie against Celtic in front of 56,299 fans in Glasgow.

Maradona, who cost Barcelona \$7.7 million but fell from grace during the World Cup, repaid a slice of the Spaniards' massive outlay by scoring three goals in the Cup-Winners' Cup holders 8-0 win over Apollon Limassol of Cyprus in the Nou Camp Stadium.

Hvidovre battled gamely and they finally had the satisfaction of beating World Cup captain and goalkeeper Dino Zoff when Henrick Jensen pulled one back in the 77th minute.

The European Cup owes much to Cruyff and Ajax who continued the tradition of the legendary Real Madrid for all-out attacking football. Cruyff did not let the 56,299 fans at Celtic Park down, although they must have wished he had kept his unique brand of magic for another time and another place.

He set up both goals, scored by Jasper Olsen and Soren Lerby, and the only blot on an immaculate display came in the 15th minute when he conceded a penalty, converted by Charlie Nicholas.

Celtic, the first British team to win the European Cup back in 1967, kept their hopes alive when Liverpool reject Frank McGrath ended a frantic 27-minute first-half scoring burst when he made the score 2-2.

Welsh Cup holders Swansea made sure of being the night's top scorers when they proved most inhospitable to Sliema Wanderers of Malta by running up 12 goals, eight inside the last 30 minutes, without reply.

Maradona...displays shooting boots

Real Madrid and Bayern Munich, two of the great names of European football, should advance to the second round of the Cup Winners' Cup after drawing away from home.

Bayern, European champions from 1974-76, drew 1-1 against Torpedo Moscow in the Soviet Union thanks to a second half equalizer from World Cup star Pau Breitner. Real, who have won the European Cup a record six times, turned their backs on their renowned attacking brand of football and successfully put the accent on defense as they held Romanian hosts Raia Mare to a goalless draw.

Sandro Altobelli, who came on as substitute and scored for Italy in the 3-1 win over West Germany in the World Cup final, bagged another vital goal for Internazionale in

easy victories Thursday.

The first-seeded Turnbull breezed past

Maradona...keeps opponents guessing

the Milan club's 2-0 win over Czechoslovak guests Slovan Bratislava.

Italy managed just one win out of three in the UEFA Cup but all their representatives should advance when the second-legs are played in two weeks' time.

Roma beat England's Ipswich, the 1981 winners, 3-0 with two goals from top scorer Roberto Pruzzo, still smarting from being left out of the squad in Spain, but Naples and Fiorentina both went down on foreign soil. Naples lost 2-1 to Dynamo Tbilisi of the Soviet Union, Argentine Ramon Diaz scoring their goal, while Fiorentina were on the wrong end of 3-1 scoreline against Craiova of Romania. Diaz's compatriot Daniel Bertoni hitting the back of the net.

Then several seconds after the round ended, Meyran signaled the fight was over.

He said Miranda's cornermen had told him Miranda could not continue.

Laporte, at 1.65 meters, gave away 11.4 cm in height and 187.8 cm in reach to

Miranda, but he had his edges in hand speed and power. Laporte landed several hard left hooks in dominating the first five rounds. He also scored effectively to the body while

Miranda, who fought bent forward, scored mostly with jabs and seemed to be looking to land one big right.

Miranda did win the sixth round with jabs when Laporte did little punching. During the round, Meyran stepped in to warn Miranda about hitting low and as he was talking to the boxer, Laporte punched Miranda to the head. The referee then warned Laporte.

Laporte, winning for the 22nd time against three losses and scoring his 13th knockout, hurt Miranda early in both the eighth and ninth rounds. In the ninth, he had Miranda hacking up constantly.

Laporte, who was ranked No. 3, two places behind Miranda, failed to win the title when he lost a decision to Sanchez on Dec. 13, 1980. And he failed to win the World Boxing Association title when he lost a controversial decision to Eusebio Pedroza last Jan. 24 in Atlantic City. Now that he has a title, he must defend it against second-ranked Ruben Castillo of Tucson, Arizona, within 75 days, the WBC has said. Each fighter reportedly received \$50,000 for the fight.

Hagler to defend title

Meanwhile, promoter Bob Arum announced that Marvin Hagler will defend his world middleweight boxing title against Fulgencio Obemejias of Venezuela on Oct. 30 in San Remo, Italy.

Hagler stopped Obemejias in the eighth round in a title defense in January last year. Since then, the Venezuelan has scored six successive victories. Obemejias, who has won 36 fights and lost one, is ranked first by the World Boxing Association and second by the World Boxing Council.

Hagler has won 54 of his 58 professional bouts, 45 inside the distance. He has lost twice and fought two draws but has not been beaten for six years. The champion, from Brockton, Massachusetts, won the title from Alan Minter of Britain in London in September 1980.

**Jones, Parsons sail into semis**

CALGARY, Canada, Sept. 16 (AP) — Wayne Jones and Terry Parsons of Britain joined Canada's Jim Bear and Joe Grech of Malta Wednesday in advancing to the semi-finals of the World Amateur Snooker Championships.

Jones defeated Anthony Kearney of Dundalk, Ireland, 5-1, while Parsons defeated Malcolm Bradley of Worksop, England, 5-0 in the quarterfinals of the 14-day tournament.

Bear advanced by beating Paul Mifsud of Malta 5-2, while Grech knocked out Paddy Browne of Dublin, Ireland, 5-3. Jones and Parsons will meet in one best-of-15 semifinal match and Bear will face Grech in the other.

The semifinals will be played Thursday and Friday and the finals Saturday and Sunday.

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Having engineered the murder of Bashir Gemayel, Israel at once completed its conquest of the Lebanese capital and surrounded the Palestinian refugee camps, throwing to the wind all manner of restraint and into doubt American credibility in the Middle East. With the Christians in disarray and the Muslims gravely weakened, the Israelis claimed the right to fill in the political and military vacuum that it had actually created.

Gemayel had been elected to lead the country and, even if he was not the most popular man in the country or the most lovable, at least his election had provided a semblance of stability. The Lebanese Army had been steadily gaining ground and had entered Muslim areas without a fight, indicating the beginning of national reconciliation and a possible return to normalcy in the long term.

At the same time, the Syrians also signaled to the recent Arab summit that they would be willing to withdraw their forces from the country as soon as the Israelis began to withdraw theirs.

But all this did not please the Israelis because it would have hastened the day of their departure and decolonization of the state. And with the Arabs and the U.S. in a peaceful-settlement mood at present, the future for prolonged confrontation appeared to dim which would have militated against Israel's long-term intentions in the region.

Unfortunately, the U.S. government has taken what was described as a "tolerant" view of the Israeli march and consolidation in the Lebanese capital. Whatever that means, the U.S. appears to be little concerned with the potential hazards of the situation and even less worried about the loss of face in the Middle East. The Arabs and the Palestinians will be justified in feeling cheated by the whole Habib mission and the U.S. jellylike guarantees.

## Saudi Arabian press review

Thursday's newspapers accused Israel of being behind the assassination of Lebanese President-elect Bashir Gemayel, saying it was "the only beneficiary from this crime."

*Al-Madina* said if it was true that Gemayel had informed a number of Arab leaders that he did not think of signing a unilateral peace treaty with Israel and was fully aware of the Israeli enemy's ambitions in southern Lebanon, "this will further strengthen the accusation that Israel is behind the foul crime."

The paper added that it was not in Israel's interests that a new Lebanese president "opposes the Israeli strategic plans" which include signing a unilateral peace agreement with Lebanon, keeping the country away from the Arab fold and forcing the new Lebanese government to adopt an anti-PLO stand."

*Al-Riyad* said if Israel was involved in the killing of Gemayel, then it would be the beginning of a new series of assassinations to prepare the stage for the division of Lebanon. "Thus, Israel can find the pretext to stay as long as possible in the country allegedly to preserve Lebanon's security," the paper added.

"It said the next step would be to impose a peace treaty on Lebanon." The paper called on the Lebanese people to "lay down their arms and take a firm stand after the situation has been corrected, contradictions abolished and the house cleaned."

*Al-Nadwa* also held the Israeli enemy responsible for the death of Gemayel and said Lebanon would be "facing more dangers at such a

critical time." The paper urged Arab leaders to take urgent and effective measures and not allow the "fate of the Arab country to be decided by Israel and the U.S."

*Al-Yawm* said the consequences of Gemayel's assassination would be more disturbing for the Lebanese domestic front. "There will be no beneficiary except the Israeli enemy. This is clear from the Israeli troops storming of West Beirut," the paper added.

*Okaz* expressed concern and anxiety over the future situation in Lebanon and the Middle East region. The paper said Gemayel's assassination was engineered by the Mossad, whose history is full of such crimes. "The assassination of Gemayel will increase the chances of renewed civil war in Lebanon," the paper added.

It urged the U.S. to take quick action to "force Israel to pull out from Lebanon, especially after Gemayel's assassination, as Israel will use it as a pretext to stay in Lebanon."

The paper called on the Lebanese people to forget their sectarian disputes.

*Al-Jazirat* called on the Lebanese people to be "keen about their national unity and form a strong front to face internal dangers which threaten the country's integrity and adherence to the Arab nation."

The paper urged the Lebanese president to be "more firm than before to counter the bloody violence and contain the dangerous impact of Gemayel's assassination." It added that Israel would "fully exploit the incident to implement its expansionist designs in Lebanon." (SPA)

## Arafat on tragedy of Palestinians

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are excerpts from PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's address Wednesday to the annual conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Rome. Arafat delivered his speech in Arabic and the excerpts were translated by the Associated Press.)

"...The Palestinian question was not and it is not a struggle between Arabs and Jews. The Palestinian people have lived as one people over this land consecrated by the message of the prophets without discrimination among Muslims and Jews...

"...The problem is that the Zionist movement while tackling the so-called "Jewish question" ... dedicated to resolve it by establishing an exclusively Jewish state trampling the indigenous population, without considering the tragedy, the suffering and the oppression that have visited upon Christian and Muslim Palestinians of the country. This effectively prompted a way of legitimate resistance against the Zionists who want the Palestinian land without people thus creating a people without land...

"...This is the story of 34 years of conflicts of which the last act was the war of extermination against the Lebanese people and the Palestinian people for 88 days, during which the most modern and sophisticated weapons of the American arsenal were used. Our national and human responsibility required us to resist in heroic Beirut associating ourselves with its people, while protecting it and defending it...

"The flag of peace has been raised over vast zones of our world thanks to the international goodwill aimed at achieving peace, eliminating subjugation, domination and colonialism. The politics of peace, the lessening of international tension, the adoption of political means to resolve the most complex international questions has demonstrated its success and has confirmed the capacity of international society to follow the path in the light of these principles and fundamentals, to circumscribe and isolate the hot spots of tensions demonstrated by racist and colonialist aggressions so that aggressive forces return to reason and respect to international legality.

"The Middle East, where I come from — and more precisely its more dangerous point — today represents a hot spot of threat for peace and international security...

"From the rostrum I invite you to form an international parliamentary commission to investigate the war crimes which Israel has committed in Lebanon. More than 70,000 have fallen, been wounded, or have disappeared. This is the result of this aggression in which the Israeli Army has used the most modern American weapons, including those forbidden on an international level and with the total cover of the U.S. administration and with its unlimited support at all levels — political, military and propaganda...

"We have taken up weapons having in front of our eyes a human aim, having proclaimed and proposed a democratic Palestinian state, where all (will) live in a climate of democracy, equality and justice."

"But the rulers of Israel have refused this because they want a purely Hebrew state with a racist and dangerous spirit created against the right and dignity of our people..."

"Also, after the war of 1973, we proposed the creation of a Palestinian state on any piece of Palestinian ground which would be evacuated by the Israelis.

"We need only to remember that Israel is the only state which was born following a resolution of the United Nations and is, nevertheless, the only state which doesn't respect the latter's decision, persisting in ignoring international law, showing itself disrespectful of its will, and by not respecting it, defying it.

"Israel also rejects all plans and projects which request the end of the settlements or the withdrawal from occupied territories..."

"Eight years ago, I spoke before the U.N. General Assembly and proposed a plan for peace in the land of peace. The U.N. General Assembly formulated resolutions including the main lines for a peaceful solution in the Middle East, but these resolutions met with the refusal and intransigence of Israel..."

"The Arab summit has offered an important mechanism to implement its decision, the formation of a working committee composed of seven Arab states, with a duty to have contacts with permanent member states of the U.N. Security Council to learn their positions and those of the United States whose President Reagan announced a plan for the Middle East..."

"The international community has a historical and civil responsibility, that which is to build the bases of justice and human values, which are the mainstay of a free, dignified, life for all peoples. As all humanity, I fear that lack of attention to these values demonstrated by the leaders of Israel and their defiance of all laws, norms and international resolutions can lead our contemporary world to the law of the jungle..."

## Letters to the editor

### Articles on Birds

Sir.

Kudos to Mr. David Barnes as well as to the illustrious *Arab News* for the articles of my choice "Bird Migration" and "Bird Photography — A Rewarding Experience" supported by marvelous photographs (*Arab News*, Sept. 9).

Being a lover of birds myself, I felt exceedingly exhilarated to peruse the pleasant account of their migratory instinct.

I hope the writer will provide more articles and photographs on this subject.

Sincerely  
Mohammed Arifulla  
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Jeddah

### Global Weather

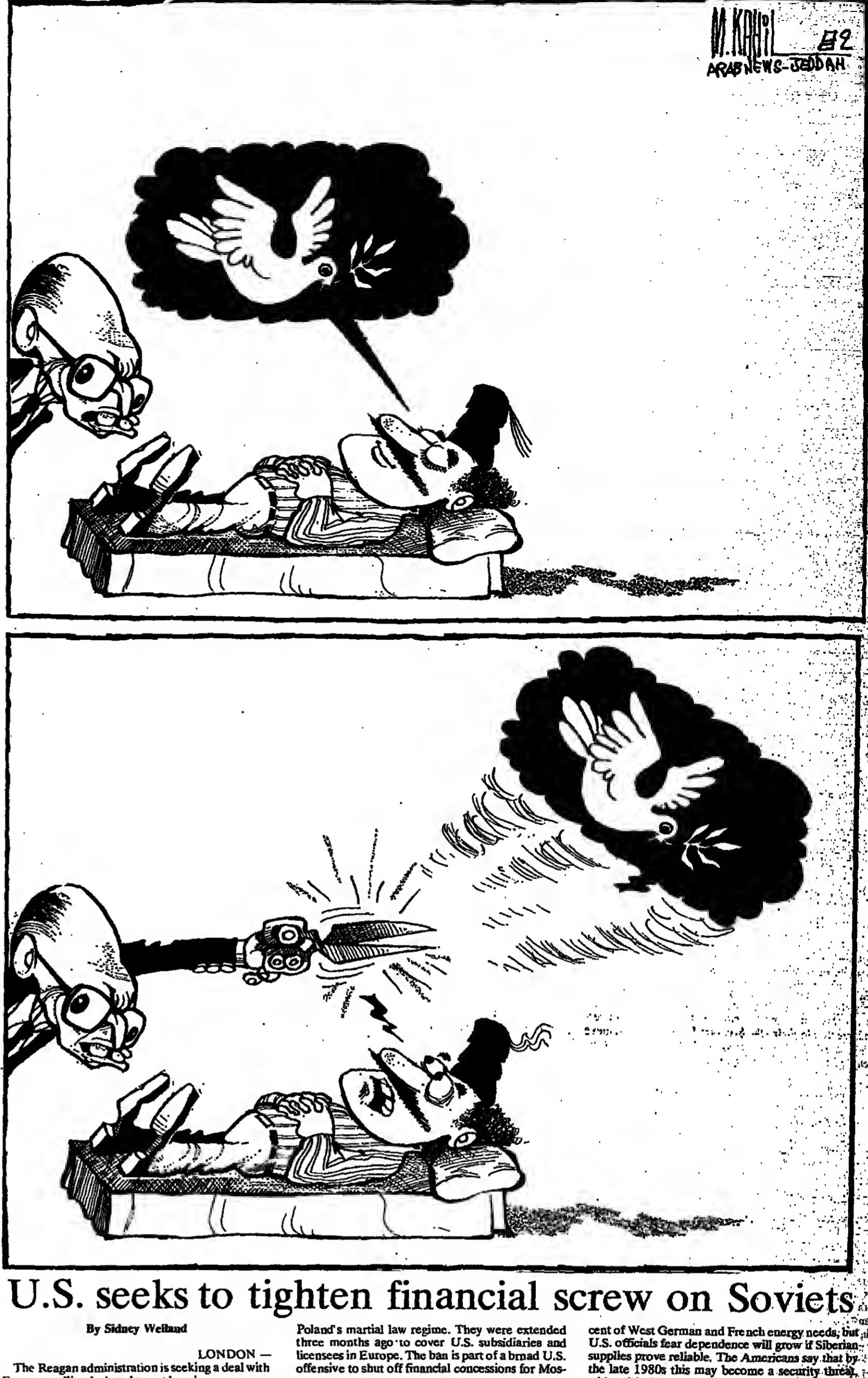
Dear sir,

Whenever I read the Global Weather column, I am bewildered because it does not include Islamabad.

For the sake of thousands of educated Pakistanis who are regular readers of your newspaper, please try to include Islamabad in the Global Weather column.

On the whole I must say that being the leading English language newspaper, *Arab News* should care for the feelings of all nationalities.

Sincerely yours,  
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## U.S. seeks to tighten financial screw on Soviets

By Sidney Welland

LONDON — The Reagan administration is seeking a deal with European allies designed to put heavier pressure on the Soviet Union's ailing economy. American officials say a tradeoff, if watertight, would probably enable President Reagan to drip a highly controversial ban on European sales of gas pipeline equipment to Moscow.

U.S. sanctions against European suppliers have led to an angry split with Britain, France, West Germany and Italy, opening what may see as a profound crisis in the NATO alliance. The United States has told allied governments it is ready to consider lifting the sanctions if Western countries to deny economic support to the Soviet Union in other fields.

So far, the Europeans have been slow to offer a face-saving way out, but talks are expected soon. U.S. and European diplomats agree that NATO unity could be undermined, with implications for defense and foreign policy if the pipeline row is allowed to continue much longer.

Three senior U.S. administration officials, in statements over a seven-day period, hinted strongly that the sanctions could be canceled in exchange for a broader economic package. The hints virtually amounted to an appeal to the Europeans to get together and offer a viable alternative.

U.S. trade negotiator Bill Brock said last weekend the administration would be glad to listen to any ideas that would tighten the financial screw on Moscow over Poland and make it harder for the Kremlin to spend on new armaments.

Treasury Secretary Donald Regan called on Europe to produce "worthwhile and substantial" solutions, and Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige said Washington would "listen very hard" if a more effective alternative could be devised.

The four European governments say they are still consulting among themselves in hopes of agreeing on a common line. The sanctions bar the export of U.S. gas and oil equipment and know-how to European firms which defy Reagan by supplying U.S.-licensed components for Moscow's gas pipeline.

Already, firms in Britain, France and Italy have been put on a U.S. blacklist, and sanctions against West German suppliers are likely as soon as German equipment is shipped. European firms share Soviet contracts for pipeline parts worth about \$3.2 billion, but key components depend on U.S. technology.

U.S. sanctions were originally imposed last December as a reprisal for Soviet involvement in

Poland's martial law regime. They were extended three months ago to cover U.S. subsidiaries and licensees in Europe. The ban is part of a broad U.S. offensive to shut off financial concessions for Moscow.

The administration argues that the Europeans are directly or indirectly aiding the Soviet economy with loans on easy terms and that their dependence on Soviet gas could be dangerous. The pipeline, to start pumping in 1984, is intended to bring up to 40 billion cubic meters of Siberian gas to Western Europe annually, with West Germany and France the biggest customers. If deliveries reach this peak, they will be equivalent in energy terms to 700,000 barrels of oil a day.

Gas sales to Western Europe will net Moscow between \$8 and \$12 billion a year, the U.S. says. American officials say the U.S., much as it dislikes the pipeline, is willing to yield because there is no way to stop its construction or to persuade the Europeans to give up lucrative supply contracts.

But Washington insists there must be a quid pro quo by the Europeans in agreeing on other restrictions. Privately, U.S. diplomats have told European governments that a tradeoff may be possible if agreement can be reached on:

# The zakah system In place of strife

By Adil Salahi

The problem of poverty has always been of great concern to thinkers, reformers and religious men. Many have thought of possible solutions. Some philosophies have sought to pacify the poor by promising abundant reward in a life to come. In our modern world, even the most capitalists of societies seek to ease the burden of the poor through legislation for social security which includes various benefits payable to the sick or the unemployed.

Socialism, on the other hand, seeks to exploit the hard feelings generated by poverty in order to deepen the social divisions and intensify the feelings of hatred between the poor and the rich. In the Socialist lexicon class enmity is basic to the whole theory.

Extremism, of any color and sort, is bad because it does not give enough consideration to those who happen to have a different viewpoint. Socialism bases its whole outlook on an extremist reading of social problems. It tells the poor that the rich have "robbed" them of what belongs to them. This assumption is at the core of the strife in many societies. Unfortunately, when the Socialists take over in any country, they seek to remedy bad situation by bad means, and the result is, invariably, an even worse situation.

The truth is that the assumption that all the poor have been "robbed" and that all the rich are the ones who robbed them is a false assumption. Many a poor person can only blame himself for his poverty, and many a rich man acquires his wealth through fair means.

The Islamic method seeks to tackle this problem fairly and squarely. It does not seek to apportion blame where such an exercise is of no practical value and can only generate feelings of hostility. Instead, it looks at the social problem in the same way as any good doctor deals with a patient who is brought to him in a case of emergency. If the doctor starts by inquiring from his patient or his relatives how the injury or the disease took place and takes the patient to task for not looking after himself the patient may die before the doctor has a chance to treat or even examine him. Any good doctor should start by helping his patient recover then he may give him advice on how to avoid a recurrence.

Similarly, Islam seeks to alleviate the pains of poverty by assigning to the poor a certain "right" in the wealth of the rich. Islam establishes its own concept of ownership which differs from all human concepts in this regard. Money, and wealth generally, in the Islamic view, belongs to Allah. Man simply holds it in trust from Him. The Qur'an tells us: *Believe in Allah and His Apostle, and spend on others out of that of which He has made you trustees.* (57: 7).

Obviously, a trustee has to abide by the terms of his trust. In this case, the trust stipulates that in their (the believers') possessions there is a well ascertained share which is due to those who ask (for help) and to avoid a recurrence.

*those who are deprived.* (70: 25-4). Thus, unless one fulfills the terms of trust by which one is given charge of what one possesses and its benefits then one incurs Allah's anger and deserves His punishment.

We have then, according to Islam, a "right" which belongs to the poor. It is "well ascertained," i.e., well defined with an easily calculable sum. It is a right imposed Allah the creator of wealth who grants it to whom ever He wills of His servants. It is also a right based on the brotherhood of the poor and the rich as fellow human beings or as followers of one religion or both.

It is this right of the poor which is the cornerstone of the *zakah* system. We have already outlined the sources of *zakah* (or purifying dues) and established that its total sum in any society is very large indeed. Once we know that it is payable by right to the poor we can conceive that the Islamic method of alleviating poverty is very practical and fair reaching.

Now, what is the basis which gives rise to this right of the poor. Imam Al-Razi outlines this in his valuable work *The Long Commentary*. Drawing on what he says we write in brief:

1. If one works and gets just about enough for what he needs then he is entitled to keep all what he gets. The reason is that he is "in need" of that money in the same way as all those who need it. He has, nevertheless, a right of preference because he has worked for it.

If, however, one's efforts produce more than he needs and there is another person in need of that money we have, then, a situation of conflicting rights. We have, on the one hand, the right of the one who possesses the money based on his actually working to get it and his strong desire to keep it. On the other hand, the poor has the right based on his need for it. The Islamic solution is to establish a middle way between these two rights. The possessor, thus, retains the larger part of the money and the one in need receives a reasonable portion of it to satisfy his needs.

2. Money in excess of one's needs if left in one's home or bank remains idle, unable to fulfil the purpose of its existence. This, in the Islamic view, works against the realization of Allah's purposes of creation. It is, therefore, unacceptable. Hence, Allah has dictated that a certain part of it must be paid to the poor to ensure the fulfilment of Allah's purposes.

3. The poor are Allah's dependents while the rich are Allah's trustees of His money. It is certainly the owner's right, who is Allah in this case, to say to His trustee: *Give away a part of that trust which belongs to Me of the needy among My dependents.*

It is now amply clear that the Islamic concept of wealth and its distribution can achieve far better results than any other system without creating strife between different classes of the society.

## Marriage of a convert

*Q. I am a Filipino woman who has adopted Islam recently and adopted also the name of Aisha, one of the Prophet's wives. My husband has not joined me in taking this step, but he does not mind my becoming Muslim. Now, is it acceptable in Islam if my husband remains a non-Muslim? Also, am I allowed to visit the Ka'ba in Makkah?*

*A. It is permissible for a Muslim man to be married to a Christian or a Jewish wife. But this is all that is permissible by way of inter-faith marriages. This means that a Muslim man may not marry a woman of any faith other than the three Divine religions, or a woman who does not belong to any faith.*

Muslim women, however, may not marry anyone who is not a Muslim. Hence, if a married woman decides to take the step of embracing Islam while her husband does not join her and become a Muslim, her marriage to him is considered null and void the moment she makes the declaration which brings her within the fold of Islam; i.e., the declaration that she believes in the oneness of Allah and that Muhammad is His messenger. This ruling applies whether the husband is a Christian or a Jew or a follower of any other religion or belief.

There is no disagreement among the various schools of thought as to the nullification of the marriage if the wife only adopts Islam. Some, however, enforce an immediate separation for a waiting period, or *iddah*, which lasts nearly three months before the marriage is declared null and void.

These rulings take into consideration the relative positions of the members of the family vis-a-vis one another. A Christian or Jewish woman may be married to a Muslim because there is enough common grounds between the three religious to allow such a marriage. The father here is responsible for bringing up his children as Muslims. If the mother does not follow a religion based on believing in Allah she cannot be trusted to enhance in her children the natural tendency to believe in Him. As we say in Arabic: "He who has not got a certain thing cannot give it to others."

In any family it is the man who is the master. He is in charge of the house and he is also responsible for the protection of his wife and children. Now for a Muslim woman to be in such a relationship with a non-Muslim is ruled simply unacceptable.

At the time of the Prophet, when a peace treaty was signed by the unbelievers of Quraish and the Muslims the provisions of the treaty required the Muslims to return to Quraish any person who comes to them from Makkah as a Muslim. Allah, however, overruled that provision in the case of women only and instructed the believers to give such women shelter and refund their former husbands the dowries they paid them on their marriage. The relevant verse translates as follows: *Refugees whenever believing women come to you, forsooth the domain of evil, examine*

*them. Allah alone is fully aware of their faith. If you thus ascertain that they are true believers do not send them back to the unbelievers. They are not lawful for the unbelievers, nor are the unbelievers lawful for them. But hand back to the unbelievers the dowries they gave them. Nor is it a sin for you to marry such women when you have given them their dowries. Do not hold onto your marriages with unbelieving women. Ask but for the return of whatever you have spent by way of dowry, just as they (whose wives have gone over to you) are entitled to claim back whatever they have spent by way of dowry. Such is Allah's judgment. He judges between you.*

My heart wants to the lady who has put this question as I feel her very real and very difficult problem. Yet we have to face every issue as Allah tells us.

Indeed this question has been the subject of a great deal of discussion in recent years as more and more people adopt Islam and the problem of being married to a non-Muslim becomes increasingly common. The fact remains that no one has come out with a different ruling supported by the Qur'an or by some pronouncements of the Prophet. The Qur'anic verse quoted above from the *Surah* entitled "The Examined One" provides a clear picture of Allah's ruling in this problem. It is an established rule of Islam that no ruling made by Allah in the Qur'an or by an authentic pronouncement of the Prophet may be challenged by any argument, no matter how logical it may sound.

Obviously, you can visit the holy places in Makkah and Madinah as every Muslim is allowed to do. You need, however, to prove that you are a Muslim when you reach the check point. A certificate of registration as a Muslim (obtainable from any religious court in Saudi Arabia) is adequate for the purpose.

*On ladies' makeup*  
*Q. Could you please tell me whether the following practices are permissible or not:*

*1. shaping one's eyebrows;*

*2. wearing a wig;*

*3. putting enamel (or nail polish) on one's nails.*

(name and address withheld)

*A. 1. Shaping one's eyebrows is unlawful. An authentic pronouncement, or *hadith*, of the Prophet curses an *umma* or the one who shapes her eyebrows. If, however, a lady has eyebrows which are so thick as to disfigure her face or to cause her to be ashamed of her face, then it is permissible for her to take off a little of it in an unexcessive way. The same is applicable to facial hair. The wife of Abu Isshaq, a young lady who loved beautiful appearances, came to Aisha, the Prophet's wife and asked her whether it was permissible for a woman to take off her facial hair to please her husband. Aisha said: take away all you can of this nasty thing.*

*To sum up, the normal standard is that thinning or shaping one's eyebrows is unlawful. When, however, there is a problem of disfigurement of one's good looks taking off a*

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#### What the Qur'an teaches

*In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful*

*Prophet, say to the captives who are in your hands: 'If Allah finds goodness in your hearts, He will give you something better than all that has been taken from you, and He will forgive you. Allah is much forgiving, merciful.' But should they seek to play false with you, they had already been false to Allah Himself, but He gave (the believers) mastery over them. Allah is all-knowing, wise.*

*(The Spoils of War: 8; 70-71)*

#### Commentary:

In the above two verses we have a vivid example of Islamic mercy and firmness. First we have a touch of mercy for the captives who fall in the hands of the Muslims in war. Although these verses were addressed to the captives in the battle of Badr in the first instance, (more details about those captives are to be found under "Life of the Prophet") their message applies to anyone who falls prisoner in Muslim hands at any time. The message is one of hope which fills the hearts of these prisoners with light and raises before their eyes the prospect of a life which is far better than their previous life.

Those prisoners suffered a humiliating defeat, and, in different circumstances, they themselves might have been put to death. Besides, they had to pay ransom in order to buy their freedom. Despite all that, Allah tells them that if He finds "goodness" in their hearts He will compensate them with what is far better than all that they had to forego, and He will forgive them.

Now what is this goodness referred to in the above verses? As it occurs in the text the reference is to absolute goodness, and that is FAITH in Allah. Indeed, nothing may be described as good unless it is derived from, and based upon, faith. Thus, the message to the captives here is that if they mend their ways and let their hearts open to the call of faith and see its light then goodness will creep into those hearts and will replace the elements of evil which cause them to stand in opposition to Islam. If they do that Allah will respond by giving them faith which is far better to any man than the whole world. The verse here, however, means that even materially He will compensate their losses manifold. Everyone of those captives of Badr who responded to faith was soon to realize the truth of this verse.

Indeed, Islam does not keep captives of war in order to humiliate them or to use them as cheap labor. It treats them as human beings who could be transformed into a higher grade of people if only they respond to faith. Hence the Muslims are instructed to explain their faith to their captives and to call on them to accept it, without compulsion. The basic rule in Islam is: *There is no compulsion in religion* (2: 256).

Having raised these very real hopes for the captives, Allah follows that with a piece of warning. Any prisoner who thinks that he is too clever may try to deceive his captors. The warning for him here is not to try to play false with the Prophet by pretending to consider accepting Islam. After all their defeat and fall in captivity was a punishment for their betrayal of their natural pledges to Allah to believe in Him; pledges which every human being instinctively makes. Should they now play false with the Prophet another severe punishment awaits them. *Allah is all-knowing, wise.* He knows their inmost thoughts because He knows all. He is also wise; therefore, He does not let their treachery and false play go unpunished.

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## Our Dialogue

*reasonable amount is permissible. It is a matter of common sense. A Muslim woman should appear in front of her husband in her best shape, without overindulgence in makeup.*

*2. Wearing a wig is also forbidden. Numerous traditions or pronouncements of the Prophet speak of a young lady who was about to get married when she contracted a fever which resulted in her loss of her hair. Her mother enquired from the Prophet whether she could wear false hair. The Prophet's answer was categorical: "Allah", he said, "curses the women who does that and the one who helps her do it."*

*This is the type of relation he has with all his children, even with those she did not feed. Not only this, but also he is a brother of any baby she has chosen to feed. In other words, if two totally unrelated babies, a boy and a girl, were breast-fed by a woman who is not a relation of either the two of them are considered a brother and a sister. They cannot get married to each other, or to any of the lady's children or grandchildren. Nor can either of them marry the other's child.*

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*3. Using nail enamel or polish is not prohibited so long as the stuff used is not impure. One has to bear in mind, though, that most, if not all, such polish or coloring is waterproof. As such it forms a covering which prevents water from reaching that part of one's hand.*

*Thus, ablution, or *wudu*, for prayers become incomplete. If a lady wearing enamel, nevertheless, makes ablution in order to pray, her prayers are not valid because of the incompleteness of her ablution. In short, wearing nail enamel is permissible but not practical unless one wears it for very short periods or when she is exempt from prayers.*

#### Breast-feeding

*Q. A grandmother who breast-fed her son had also to feed with her breast milk her grandson. Her son married early in life and he was soon the father of a young daughter who, according to local tradition, was married away to the grandson fed by his grandmother. Is this marriage correct and valid? If not, what should they do now that they have been married for some time and have two children?*

*Q. If a lady breast-feeds her sister's daughter along with her baby son can that boy get married to his aunt's daughter who fed with him? If they were married according to arrangements made by their families how*

*valid is their marriage?*

*Hashim Ahmad Bholat*

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*Dammam*

*A. 1. The basic rule about breast-feeding is that the child fed by a certain lady acquires, for marriage purposes, the same standing as her other children. Thus when the grandmother in question fed her grandson with her breast milk her grandson is considered her own son. That is, he becomes a brother of his own father and his uncles and aunts. Thus when her grandson in question, that is, the one she fed, married her granddaughter the marriage is not valid because he married his own niece. He is, indeed, the uncle of that girl.*

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*A. 2. The boy and the girl in question here, though originally cousins, are brother and sister by virtue of being both fed by the mother of one of them. While they are not responsible for their parents' mistake in arranging their marriage the marriage is not valid. Nullification can easily be obtained and must be obtained immediately.*

*A. 3. An Associated Press article coming from here is better. A Christian American who respects Islam could write something and the American people are more likely to understand it than if I talked about Islam on TV. Everyone knows my beliefs.*

*Q. What first attracted you to Islam?*

*A. The equality in Islam. The lack of racism. In the early sixties we had to get the white man off our back. Islam gave us dignity, a new identity.*

*Q. Is there still a Black Muslim movement in America today, or would you prefer to call it by a different name?*

*Jabir Muhammad. Just call it Islam in the West. An American writer named E. Erick Lincoln coined the term "Black Muslim," so other journalists picked it up. We have always considered ourselves brothers of all Muslims. In fact we have just published a book called *Prayer and Al Islam*. This book shows American Muslims the proper way to pray. Money for publishing this book came from the Muhammad Foundation in Chicago. Muhammad Ali donated his home, valued at \$1 million, for the headquarters of the foundation. The late King Khaled helped us get*

## Life of the Prophet - 76

### A wrong course of action

The immediate problem which had to be resolved when the Prophet (peace be on him) arrived in Madinah after his victory in Badr was that of the prisoners of war. Apart from the two mentioned last week who were killed because of their active hostility to Islam and the Prophet all the prisoners of war were treated well. Quraish was expected to send for their release and a decision had to be taken on what to do with them.

Back in Makkah the Quraish leaders tried to put a strong face. They instructed everyone not to cry in public over their relatives killed in Badr. They also decided not to rush to the Prophet with offers of ransom to obtain the release of their men who were taken prisoners in order not to be asked to pay excessive ransom. But sooner or later someone would have had to make a move to get their prisoners released. Al-Muttalib ibn Abi Wada'ab was the first to go to Madinah to buy the release of his father.

Meanwhile, the Prophet consulted his companions what to do with the prisoners of war. Abu Bakr said: "They are, messenger of Allah, your own people and tribesmen. If you spare them and accept ransom from them the ransom will be useful to us and they may, in time, realize that Islam is the truth and accept it."

When the Prophet asked Umar his opinion, he received a totally different suggestion. Umar said: "I suggest that you give me my relative to kill, and you allow Ali (the Prophet's cousin) to kill his brother Aqel, and you let Hamzah (the Prophet's uncle) to kill his brother so that we all demonstrate in front of Allah that we have no love or loyalty whatsoever to the unbelievers. These prisoners are their leaders."

# the BUMBLEST of mumbles

## The whale visits Wales -- Part III

By Alexandra Frith

"Quickly! Hoist the sails!" Dearlo commanded Toggler. "We must make haste to reach Tosselbot. She must be frightfully worried."

Soon they had moored their boat as near as they could get to Tosselbot and Dearlo called out "Ahoy there! Can you hear me?"

Poor Tosselbot opened one eye and then the other. She had hoped that she had been dreaming when she woke up and found herself stuck on a sand bank. So she had gone to sleep again. Now she knew it couldn't be a dream. She was awake and could see and hear Dearlo Bumble calling out from her boat.

"Dearlo, help me please," wailed Tosselbot. "I'm stuck here and can't move."

"Don't panic, Tosselbot. We must wait for the tide to come back in," yelled Dearlo with reassurance in his voice.

"Oh! Is that what we must do?" called back Tosselbot, relaxing a little. Why hadn't she thought of that? She remembered how her mother used to tell her about the tides in this part of the world and how far they can move in and out of the shoreline. "What a silly whale I am," she thought. "I was so excited at reaching Wales that I forgot about the tide and the shallow water. Nothing for it but to wait as Dearlo suggested."

They waited and waited until the seahorses came racing in and bid Dearlo, Lillipop and Toggler a very good day. Yes, the tide was turning now and they were riding the waves in. Lillipop clapped her hands and turned to watch the seahorses racing the waves in to the shore. They looked so

graceful and majestic. The tide did turn and soon came rushing back in to fill up Swansea Bay. But, try as she might, Tosselbot could not free herself from the sand bank. She was obviously still stuck fast.

Dearlo sailed right up to Tosselbot and told her that he would fetch the Wizard as he might be able to help. "In fact I know he can help you," he said, to reassure the big

whale.

So back they sailed to Mumbles and, while Lillipop and Toggler stayed with the boat to fill it up with food for Tosselbot, Dearlo made his way very quickly to Oystermouth Castle.

Soon, the Wizard and Dooley were hearing the sorry tale.

"Of course we must help her, Dearlo," said the Wizard, picking up his magic telescope. He placed it to his eye and said...

"Magic telescope, please help me! The big blue whale is out at sea. So stuck in sand I really fear. Without our help she'll not get clear. The sea can't come in any more. Can we free her from our shore?"

The Wizard waited and then put the telescope to his eye again and could see the answer.

"Thank you, magic telescope," said the Wizard and then turned to Dooley. "Fly us to the oyster beds out in Oystermouth Bay as quickly as you can."

He and Dearlo took up the reins on Dooley's back and the dragon flew them to the oyster beds lying in the shallow water. The Wizard went from oyster to oyster tapping their shells gently with his telescope. He was looking for the king and the queen of the oysters. At last he found them and they opened their shells to see Dearlo and the Wizard looking very worried.

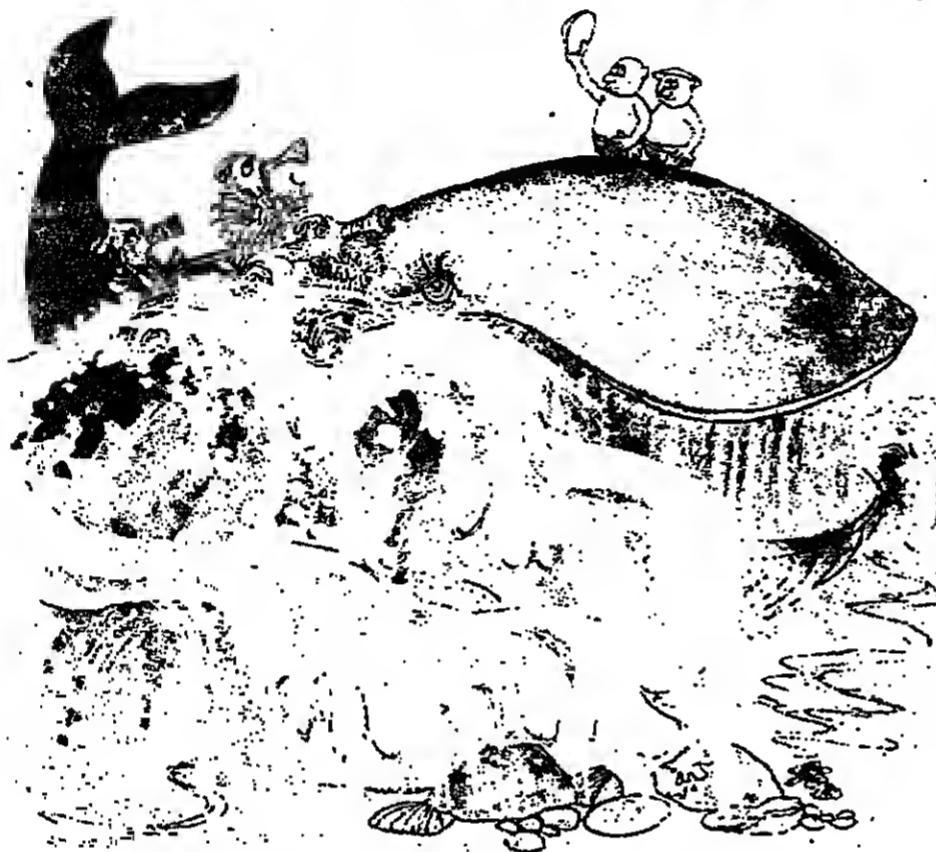
The Wizard explained Tosselbot's predicament and then he told them how they

could help. The Oyster King and Queen summoned messengers and sent them among the oyster beds to tell their loyal oysters what they had to do.

Before very long there were thousands of oysters all drawn up in smart lines, waiting for the Oyster King and Queen to give them their orders.

Dearlo raced back to his boat and set sail out to sea and to Tosselbot, stuck in the sandbank. He looked back toward the mainland and could see Dooley with the Wizard on his back, waving his telescope. They landed safely on the boat and waited for the Oyster King and his oysters to arrive.

*To be concluded next Friday*



*Subject close at hand*

## New Michener novel is on U.S. space adventure

By Leslie Hanscom

ST. MICHAELS, Maryland — In advance of any publishing season, it is no challenge to the prophetic powers to pick out the big book if the season includes a new novel by James Michener. We know ahead of time that the book will be bodily big, that it will deal with a big subject (possibly traced back historically to the creation), that it will abound in plot, action and diligently researched information and that multitudes will buy and read it.

The big Michener money's-worth this fall is *Space* (Random House, \$17.95), a treatment in fiction of America's adventure in rocketry from its antecedents in World War II to the latest outward penetration of the solar system. Although the publication date is still weeks away, much of the success that any fool could predict for a Michener novel has already been nailed down. The first printing is a whopping 300,000 copies, excerpts have been purchased for *Ladies' Home Journal*, *Playboy* and *People* and the novel is of course a main selection of the book-of-the-month club.

At 75, Michener is old enough to retire, and his mode of living testifies that he wouldn't be in want if he did so. At the moment he is in residence at his second home (the main one is in Bucks County, Pa.), a dream dwelling outside this small town on Maryland's eastern shore. The house, a low, spreading structure approached by a long avenue of crepe myrtle trees in pink, late-summer bloom, is unimposing from the front, but starting once the visitor is inside and exposed to the panoramic view that is Michener's backyard.

Guided by the novelist's shuilltly charming Japanese wife, Mari — who does hostess duty while Michener finishes his morning shave — the visitor looks out through extensive glass at a vast body of water that, in this part of the world, is called a "creek."

Off toward the region where the creek connects with Chesapeake Bay, the crab boats are visible. The nearer view, between the house and the water, is of an enormous expanse of shaven lawn bordered by woods in which the writer walks when thinking out the involved pattern of a Michener novel.

Michener himself, when he appears in the living room with the spectacular live mural of outdoors, is wearing a safari shirt with slacks. It is an attire that reinforces the impression he gives that he might be a civil engineer or a professional in some other field more down-to-earth than making up stories. He appears youthful enough to lie about his age by at least 10 years.

It seems as though he is talking about somebody else when he confides that, only the day before, he has seen the first finished copy of *Space* and felt a little staggered that a man of his years could bring off a book conceived on so big a scale.

Not that he isn't thinking of doing the same

thing again. "For the last 10 years," Michener says, "whenever I've considered one of these big historical projects, I've wondered if I had the energy to go through with it, but then I think, 'If I can do it, I ought to.'"

As the result of settling the last such argument with himself, he is moving this fall to Texas to gather observations for the kind of big novel on that region that he has already done on Spain, Hawaii and South Africa. He shows a thick, loose-leaf notebook that holds a chapter outline for a plot beginning in the 16th century, genealogies for his cast of characters, maps and extensive reference material.

In the typical Michener novel, the reader gets not only enough story to keep him absorbed for a month of normal reading, but also an overflowing wealth of historical, sociological and scientific information. One would guess that he works with a busy corps of research assistants, but amazingly, he does it all himself. "It isn't so hard to understand," he says, "if you think that it's the only thing I do — and in the end, I think it's a consequence of having a very good education to start out with."

For the education, he thanks Doylestown High School in New Jersey, Swarthmore Col-

lege, in a period when classes in the later years of study could consist of no more than four students, and more than half a dozen other institutions that he attended as a post-graduate. Equipped with this learning and the life-long curiosity of the polymath, he proceeds without help until the novel is completed, at which point the manuscript is turned over to a battery of expert readers.

The list of consultants for *Space* runs to two pages at the beginning of the book. As one example, Michener's account of the battle of Leyte Gulf, a gripping episode early in the novel, was read for accuracy by Adm. Felix Stump, who commanded a flattop squadron in that greatest of naval battles in world history.

One of Michener's methods of work is to go and live in the place he has chosen as the main setting of a novel and make as many human contacts as possible. He acquired the house in Maryland when he was writing *Chesapeake*, and it served him again, in its nearness to Washington, when he was writing the new novel about the space program.

For the problem of making social contacts in a new place, he relies on his gregarious wife. "We only have to move into a neighborhood," he says, "and pretty soon she

knows everybody there is to know."

Michener was inspired to write *Space* because, for once, the subject was close at hand. He is a member of the NASA advisory council, which brings him into contact with the men who have been in charge of this country's explorations beyond earth. "The book," he says, "was a normal extension of something I was already involved in."

More ordinarily, he is venturing far afield. "I'm lucky enough to be able to work anywhere," he says. "I've worked in the steaming tropics and rather liked it. All I need is a door for a surface to write on. The best place I ever worked was Denver — a marvelous town, except for the smog."

Michener has been able to live in his environs life because his first work of fiction, *Tales of the South Pacific*, was a hit in itself and later provided a libretto for Rodgers and Hammerstein. According to the author, the income, which still goes on, "paid the rent and the insurance" and made it possible for him to write the big novel.

"I've now done seven or eight of them," he says, "and the readers have stayed with me to a remarkable degree." They have indeed. That first book, which won the Pulitzer prize and inaugurated an unbroken succession of best sellers, was published just 35 years ago.

## With Bachchan in hospital

## Indian films facing crisis

By William Claxton

NEW DELHI (WP) — India's film industry — the biggest in the world — is facing what could be the worst slump in its history because of a karate kick.

The idol of the Hindi screen, Amitabh Bachchan, took the kick in the abdomen while filming a fight scene in the southern Indian city of Bangalore in July, and because he did not roll in the right direction, a one-man industry whose cumulative investments in films planned for the next five years totals \$200 million, is in jeopardy.

Bachchan, whose brooding, rebellious image is seen on the screen by an estimated 1 million Indian moviegoers each day, is in a Bombay hospital recovering slowly from two major operations he underwent for peritonitis that he developed after the fight scene accident.

His physicians' predictions of a minimum of six months' convalescence, and possibly a year away from work for the 39-year-old matinee idol, have caused shock waves among Indian film producers, many of whom have invested money borrowed at interest rates as high as 40 percent in planned Bachchan films.

Bachchan's injury has also traumatized his

fans, who have flooded Bombay's Breach Candy Hospital with flowers and get-well cards, and maintained a constant vigil outside.

India's premier film producer, Manmohan Desai, told of being accosted outside Bachchan's room by a 10-year-old street urchin dressed in rags. Crying pitifully, the boy told Desai he wanted to contribute any part of his body if a transplant would save Bachchan's life. The doctors at that time had given Bachchan only a 50-50 chance of living.

For more than a month, the saga of Bachchan's fight for life has been spread across the front pages of India's 10,000 newspapers, sometimes pushing to inside pages stories about the war in Lebanon and floods in northern India that displaced 30 million peasants.

VIP's have streamed to Bachchan's hospital room. Among them was Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, who flew to Bombay to see the superstar on her first Sunday after returning from a U.S. tour. Gandhi's son and heir apparent, Rajiv, left his mother's U.S. tour to visit Bachchan.

Bachchan and his wife, Jaya, a former film star, are personal friends of the Gandhis, and Bachchan was a schoolmate of Rajiv and his late brother, Sanjay.

The Indian movie industry's misfortunes began July 24, when Bachchan was shooting Desai's film, *Coolie*, in a university library that had been decorated to look like the inside of a bank.

The script called for the villain to kick Bachchan in the abdomen. The star was supposed to roll backward and land on a table. Instead, he crashed headlong into the corner of the table, rupturing his intestines.

Intestinal leakage and additional complications put him near death several days later, and a large proportion of India's 700 million population began its vigil. With virtually no creative entertainment available on state-run television, Indians of all economic classes crowd the country's movie theaters to see the nearly 800 films that are cranked out each year by the Bombay-based Indian movie industry, which is larger than Hollywood's. Industry sources estimate that \$6 million to \$8 million could be lost in Bachchan films now under production, and that movie contracts he has signed for the next five years represent an investment of more than \$200 million. Bachchan produces an average of 10 films per year and promotes up to 40 more film projects a year, charging about \$350,000 per picture plus a share of the box office receipts.

Although Bachchan last week was reported to be sitting up in bed, listening to music on his Walkman and complaining about being "bored," doctors said his condition is still serious and his place will have to be sharply curtailed even if he is able to resume his movie career.



STRANGE CONFIGURATION: What is thought to be one of the most peculiar planes ever to appear at the Farnborough International Air Show is seen here. Called a Goldwing, its strange configuration gives the impression that it is being flown backward since the propeller and engine are situated behind the pilot, while in front appears to be the tail of the craft. Made by Micro-Light Aircraft of Scotland, the Goldwing carries 23 liters of fuel and uses only 1 liter per hour. It cruises at speeds of up to 104 kph. Its wing span is 9 meters, and length is 3 1/2 meters. The whole craft weighs 130 kilos. The Goldwing sells for about 4,700 pounds. Apart from pleasure uses, it can be used for commercial work such as crop spraying.

Safety measures lacking

# Women face risks in electronic plants

By Estrella Maniquis

MANILA (Depthnews) — Among the dozens of patients in a government hospital in Manila is a girl who has been suffering from nosebleeds, headaches, hematoma or swelling in various parts of the body and flaking of skin. Elfreda Castellano, 22, has aplastic anemia, and doctors say she is going to die.

Newspaper columnist Ave Perez Jacob of Tempo who wrote about Elfreda's case gave the girl's brief history. Third in a brood of seven, Elfreda left her hometown in Leyte province in Central Philippines to find work in Manila. She joined the transnational outfit Dyometrics Inc., which manufactures electronic semiconductors, in February 1979.

Jacob continued: "Elfreda was assigned to the night shift — the 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. grind as operator in the plastic division, end-line department, tin-dip station. About two years ago, she started asking to be transferred to the first shift. Her request was denied."

The girl first became seriously ill last December and was confined at the Philippine General Hospital during which she received "massive blood transfusions," according to Jacob. She was hospitalized again on June 22 this year and was similarly treated. First diagnosed as hemorrhagic fever, her illness was later said to be anemia and finally as aplastic anemia, "terminal case."

Because of help that has been pouring in since her story appeared in *Tempo*, Elfreda has somehow recovered. At best, however, she might have a few more years to live.

"It is common knowledge that the electronics industry is the third most dangerous (industry) in terms of exposure to cancer-causing substance like benzene, cadmium, chloroform, epoxy resins, various acids, lead, etc.," said Jacob. He suggested that Elfreda's illness is "work-related," considering that anemia is "directly linked to lead poisoning," among other things.

Jacob's contention is far from being a wild guess. A magazine published by the Interagency Committee for Primary Health Care (September 1981) carried an article by Miss Sheila Coronel similarly describing the health risks in electronics factories in the Philippines, which employ some 35,000 women.

"Many local electronics assembly plants make liberal use of trichloroethylene (TCE), a suspected carcinogen and a solvent for cleaning purposes," revealed Miss Coronel. She added that TCE has been known to cause liver cancer in animals and to increase the risk of breast cancer in humans who have long-term exposure to TCE. In addition, the chemical is linked to a range of diseases from skin irritation to brain damage.

Although U.S. health standards place the safe level for TCE at 25 parts per million, workers in a California plant became nauseated when exposed to TCE even at only half of the prescribed levels. How much more endangered Philippine workers would be when exposed by an employee of Carter Semiconductors to Miss Coronel, TCE in factories here lies in open containers, is fetched only with tin cans, and is smelled by employees in one area of the plant? American experts, the author said, believe that being able to smell TCE means being exposed to it nearly ten times more than the safe level.

Those were not the only shockers in the article. Miss Coronel wrote: "Workers nor-

## Exotic cookery

LONDON (LPS) — An absorbing book for lovers of exotic foods, *Complete Arab Cookery* by Arto der Harcourtman, has been launched by Granada Publishing Company.

The author, an Armenian, was born in Aleppo, Syria and taken to Manchester, northwest England, as a child. He qualified at Manchester University as an architect and established his own practice.

Food was always of great interest and in 1970 he and his brother set up their first Armenian restaurant specializing in authentic Middle Eastern dishes.

The book includes an introduction explaining the Arab history and its influence on food, before launching out on a comprehensive collection of Arab dishes, including details of such delicacies as the "Mezze table" with its wealth of variety.

The book is divided into sections devoted to soups, meat and poultry dishes, fish, an assortment of rice, sauces, breads, savories and yogurts and ending with sweets and drinks.

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SIAMESE TWINS: Rudi and Peter were joined together from the chest down when they were born in December 1979. An eminent German doctor, Professor Waldemar Becker, performed in June 1982 a delicate operation to separate the Siamese twins. The operation was judged to be a success, and both children can now look forward to living a normal and healthy life. They are seen here (above) shortly after birth and (below) happily settled in separate cribs at the Children's Hospital in Munich, West Germany.

## Feminism in failing health

By Janet Watts

very properly, and shining with intelligence and goodwill.

SALZBURG (LOS) — International feminism appeared in low profile recently through the mists encircling Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart. The Institut für Studien was holding a seminar on "Women and Health" in a conference center outside the city.

There were almost 100 delegates, all women: at least half of them Austrian or German, and the rest stragglers and stragglers from France, Italy, Belgium, Holland, America, Scandinavia and Britain (me).

The institute had laid on good speakers on catchy themes, and the conference was intensively organized. On the second afternoon the simultaneous translator suddenly announced to her English-speaking audience that she was too tired to go on, and the sisterhood had to crack the language barriers unaided for the rest of that session.

The Salzburg women were feminists of an appropriately pure and Catholic variety. A few signalled their interests by their diancages and general demeanor, but most were straight in every sense: attired variously, but



### Cloisonne elephant

TAIPEI — The art of cloisonne was developed in China during the Ching dynasty, and at its peak, it was noted for its craftsmanship in both design and color. The most exquisite pieces, however, have particularly fresh and bright colors, their brass wiring is neatly applied, and they appear solid but dignified. By these standards, the cloisonne elephant pictured here rates very highly.

The piece, 58.2cm high, 34cm long, and 16.3cm wide, can be divided into three parts: the base, the elephant, and the vase on top. The base is made of copper, with two lotus designs in indigo enamel. The elephant is covered with all-white cloisonne work, showing the craftsmanship of the artist. The saddle, blanket, vase, and musical stone in the upper portion have been crafted with the same eye for detail.

The words for "vase" and "peace" are pronounced the same in Chinese, and as the elephant stands for "hope" or "desire" the meaning of the piece can be said to be "desire for peace." The musical stone incorporated in the design represents "recalling troops from battle" while the fish stands for "surplus". These are all auspicious symbols.

There were not many jokes at this conference. Many delegates described a state of failing health in the women's movements in their countries, and degeneration in their governments' policies as unemployment and recession forced women back into their wrong place.

"In Italy, women have gone back to the kitchen" said Virginia Visani.

"In Sweden, I am hearing politicians saying things about women's proper role — in the home — that I wouldn't have believed possible 10 years ago," said Dr. Gunilla Bradley.

"In Belgium, my women's group can't send out information, because we can no longer afford the stamps," said Therese Chonquer.

Johanna Dohnal, of Austria, recalled the days when Hitler's National Socialism directed women out of the universities and professions and into the home. "These ideas still exist, and we ought to fight against them," she said.

In Salzburg, we did. When the weather got hot, we left the conference ball to continue conferring on the lawn; and nearly ran into two gardeners driving a giant mower. They were the first men we had seen for several days. I sneaked a bashful look and saw them do the same — before roaring off in the other direction.

## Dowry drives brides to death in New Delhi

By Modhumita Majumdar

NEW DELHI (Depthnews) — Not too long ago, woman police inspector Veena Nagraj was killed when her husband poured kerosene on her and set her afire. Their five-year-old son, Manish, testified to this but the court acquitted the husband.

Geeta Malik, a young teacher in a prestigious school and married with three children, wrote her brothers asking them to help her out of her marriage. Hesitation perhaps because a broken marriage carries a stigma for the woman and her family, the brothers did not immediately respond. A few days later, Geeta was taken to a hospital with 160 percent burn injuries. She died.

Of late, local papers were again full of reports of brides being burned alive by husbands or in-laws, or committing suicide rather than suffer torture and harassment.

The average works out to about one such report a day. According to one report, 58 brides were burned in the capital city of New Delhi in May this year. A Delhi police officer, on the other hand, said that in the first five months of 1982, 18 women committed suicide rather than live with their husbands and families — a high number compared to 23 such cases in 1981 and 17 in 1980. Also, 20 cases of murder of young brides have been registered with the Delhi police this year as against 23 in 1981, 17 in 1980 and nine in 1979.

One suicide case was that of Usha Rani, a senior army officer's daughter who shot herself in her parents' house. The case was dismissed as one of suicide. However, friends of the family know that she was being badgered by her husband for more money from her parents so that he could expand his business.

Being badgered for more dowry was what also drove Usha to kill herself, according to Usha's father who testified in court. Usha had been married for seven months and was four months pregnant. The judge trying the case refused bail to her husband and father-in-law. He said the very fact that the young girl of 20 years was driven to such a breaking point that she took this extreme step spoke volumes about the case.

But so far, no wife-killer has been awarded capital punishment in New Delhi. It was only in the western town of Pune, in the whole of India, that an educated middle-class man and his mother were sentenced to death for ganging and burning the man's wife, Shaila. Shaila was, in fact, the second wife, the first having obtained divorce from her husband. Shaila had also complained of harassment. Shaila was told by her father to bear it.

In Delhi, most of the deaths by burning are reported from the north district which is inhabited largely by shopkeepers and businessmen. Social workers point out that 99 percent suicides take place among Hindus who migrated from West Punjab (now in Pakistan) when the subcontinent was divided into India and Pakistan.

This is somewhat surprising. Because of the prevalent practice of female infanticide, Punjab lacked marriageable daughters and buying brides outside the province used to be common under British rule. But perhaps, it was also an earlier tradition of heavy dowry that gave rise to the killing of newborn daughters by drowning them in a vat of milk (a grisly ritual which went by the euphemism that the girl had to "drink milk"). The killing stopped when girls started fetching lucrative prices in the marriage market.

Now the Punjabi Hindu and Sikh communities are again among the worst in their incessant demand for dowry. The recent and somewhat sudden spurt in fire-burnings has taken place even as women's organizations have been crying themselves hoarse over the evils of this all-pervasive custom which is observed even by Muslims and Christians in India. The trouble was that although people knew dowry to be such, many treat it as an unpleasant fact of life which one may sweep under the carpet once the transaction is over.

To confront the public with the vulgarity of dowry, a women's group called Mahila Dinkshala Samiti put up an exhibition on it last year. It showed how there were more or less fixed prices for young men, depending on their jobs and earning capacity.

A member of the federal government's

administrative service or of the Indian Police Service, for instance, rated 400,000 rupees (\$36,530). Engineers fetched 350,000 rupees (\$31,963), followed by doctors who commanded 300,000 rupees (\$27,400). Even one who has failed his secondary school examination can boldly ask for at least 10,000 rupees (\$913).

The government has also been campaigning against dowry, which is punishable under the Dowry Prevention Act, through the nationalized radio network.

The Delhi police, however, has not been able to give the same assurance as it is "short of officers." For the same reason, the proposed dowry bait within the police force is yet to be set up.

Setbacks have only fueled organized action against dowry, with various women's organizations vowing to fight it ceaselessly. Among them is the Hanwadi Mahila Samiti which has given a call for "militant action." It has pointed out that ever since dowry was prohibited by law in 1961, not a single offender has been punished, and charges were filed against only 11 suspects.

## Needle craft for kitchen

By Jessica Thompson Lowery

Women in all cultures have always found personal expression through the needle crafts and various other handicraft projects. In no other art form does the influence of women play a more vital role than in the needle arts. A home maker can beautify her surroundings with functional objects and can find tremendous personal satisfaction in using, displaying or giving the things she creates.

Needlework is uniquely personal and the finished article holds visual and emotional appeal. An oil painting may be beautiful to look at, but so is a crocheted sweater and the sweater will keep you warm. The following article is a useful one for your kitchen or as a gift for a friend and also a unique bazaar item.

### Gingham grocery bag holder:

How to make the holder — You will need 1½ yards of 45 inch gingham or calico, matching thread, needle or sewing machine, straight pins, yardstick, scissors, ½ inch wooden dowel stick, 2½ inches long and ½ inch wooden dowel 20 inches long, eyelet screws, iron, ironing board. Cut one thickness of fabric 43 inches long (with grain against selvedge) and 21 inches across for the holder. Cut one thickness of fabric 18X10 inches for pocket.

Cut long sides of holder by turning and stitching under ½ inch to wrong side of fabric (do this to both 43-inch sides of fabric). Turn under and stitch again ¼ inch along each side of holder (this prevents raveling). Press. For pocket, turn toward the wrong side and stitch ¼ inch at the top of pocket (18 inch width is top), then turn under ¼ inch toward wrong side of top of pocket and stitch. This completes top hem of pocket. Press.

Pin pocket to right side of holder 5 ½ inches from top (center pocket on front of holder); with a close zigzag stitch around the raw edges of pocket. Then divide pocket into a 10-inch section and an 8-inch section by zigzag stitching from top of pocket to bottom of pocket in a straight line. Press. Turn holder to wrong side. Pin raw edges with the right sides together. Sew with ½ inch seam. Turn to right sides and press flat (especially the bottom fold). Stitch 1 ½ inches from top and again at bottom to form sleeves for dowel rods. This will form pocket for large bags. Insert the 2 ½ inch dowel into top sleeve. Insert 20-inch dowel into bottom sleeve. Attach an eyelet screw at each end of top dowel. Tie ends of 27-inch cord through eyelets for hanger. Gingham material may be color of your choice. Get busy and stitch away at something to sell, give away or keep and rep a visual and emotional satisfaction from creating something beautiful and useful.

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## Despite interest rate drop

## West's growth seen at new low

PARIS, Sept. 16 (AP) — Despite the recent decline in interest rates, industrial nations now appear headed for little more than zero growth this year, and recovery in 1983 could be slower than previously expected, reliable sources said here Thursday.

They said the latest data indicated a weaker economic performance recently in European member countries of the 24-nation Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) than assumed in OECD's mid-year economic forecasts.

OECD experts now reportedly foresee a "flat" growth curve "at best" for Western Europe in the last two quarters of the year, due largely to failing consumer and business confidence. The numbers could easily be negative.

The sources said the United States was considered to be roughly on course toward recovery from recession in line with OECD's July forecasts. But weaker Canadian and

Japanese indicators had coincided with poorer than anticipated activity in Europe, especially in West Germany.

The Paris-based organization last July projected a very modest 0.5 percent 1982 increase in OECD aggregate gross national product (GNP), down from 1.2 percent last year. But it said this would be followed by 2.5 percent, picking up gradually to about 2.75 percent by the end of 1983.

These forecasts now seem too optimistic, the sources said. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) foresees a 1.8 percent 1982 growth rate in industrial countries last April, but recently lowered the figure to a mere 0.3 percent.

OECD Secretary General Emile Van Lennep hinted at a downward revision of the OECD forecasts too, when he told the IMF interim committee in Toronto two weeks ago that "hopes for recovery have again to be rolled forward."

Inflation rates have been further reduced in many OECD countries in recent months and interest rates are expected to continue to decline somewhat, notably in Western Europe.

But OECD experts reportedly now foresee only a slow improvement of growth in the course of 1983. Last July the OECD set Western European growth at 1.25 percent at annual rate in the first half of this year, rising

to 2.25 percent in the second half and accelerating to 2.75 percent in the second half of 1983.

The sources said the U.S. economy was likely to expand next year roughly in line with the July forecasts which indicate a recovery at an annual rate of 2 percent in the current half-year, from a first-half decline of 3.5 percent, picking up gradually to about 2.75 percent by the end of 1983.

OECD's July forecasts "underestimated the effects of financial pressures" on consumer and business confidence, the sources said. "It is clear that both consumers and business are more careful about how they spend their money," one expert said, adding that "psychological factors are impossible to measure."

Increased private savings in most countries, partly because of continued high and rising unemployment, and postponement of business investment decisions reflect the low level of confidence, the sources said.

With inflation coming down — the price performance in OECD countries last July was the best since 1976 — OECD experts had hoped that consumers would feel encouraged to spend more. A pickup of consumption would in turn incite industry to reverse current cuts in inventories.

## Britons living standard falls by 2 percent

LONDON, Sept. 16 (R) — Britain's standard of living dropped by 2 percent last year, its sharpest fall since World War II, according to government statistics.

The *National Income and Expenditure Book*, published Wednesday, put the slump in manufacturing output in 1981 at 6 percent, indicating the depth of the British recession. This brings the cumulative decline since Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher won power in 1979 to 15 percent.

But with the North Sea oilfields producing strongly, oil and gas production rose by 10 percent last year and the British economy's overall output declined by only 2 percent.

With Mrs. Thatcher driving hard pay bargains in the public sector and organized labor accepting wage rises below inflation rates, British disposable income fell by 2 percent.

Britons nevertheless spent slightly more money in real terms, indicating that many were digging into savings. They spent less on cars, tobacco and more on essentials such as housing, shoes and clothes.

The drop in industrial production was blamed on the continuing recession, accelerating destocking of inventories and a 9 percent fall in investment.

On the Eurdollar deposit markets Thursday, the one-month dollar interest rate was quoted at 11 1/16-11 3/16 percent on opening, but rose sharply to 11 1/2 percent

## Dollar rates remain stable

By J. H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Sept. 16 — The American dollar was generally strong on the European markets Thursday, after Wednesday's comparatively quiet trading. The dollar was boosted by rises in U.S. interest rates, by as much as 1/4 percent in some

tenors following the Federal Reserve bank's move to drain some liquidity out of the monetary system in New York on Wednesday night. This caused "Fed fund" prime lending rates to trade at a higher level of 10% to 10.5 percent and indicated to some observers that the "Fed" might have embarked on a tighter control of the money supply following three consecutive weekly rises in the weekly U.S. monetary aggregates.

On the Eurdollar deposit markets Thursday, the one-month dollar interest rate was quoted at 11 1/16-11 3/16 percent on opening, but rose sharply to 11 1/2 percent

levels by close of business. The one-year rate also rose to 13 7/16 percent compared with 13 5/16 percent Wednesday.

On the bullion markets, there were mixed trading results Thursday, with the markets initially not reacting to President-elect

Gemayel's assassination, but prices picking up later on in the day. Gold opened lower at \$443 an ounce, but traded at \$450 in Zurich later in the day. Silver prices shot up sharply to \$9.15 from \$8.90 in New York on Wednesday night. Bullion prices, however, were still primarily affected by U.S. dollar interest rate considerations.

In the local markets, rival deposit rates rose to 10% - 11 1/4 percent for the week, fixed compared with 11 percent levels Wednesday. The one-month JIBOR rate traded actively in Jeddah at 11 1/4 - 11 1/2 percent but later fell back to 11 - 11 1/2 percent in the longer periods. The one-year deposit was quoted at 12% - 12 1/4 percent up by 1/4 percent over Wednesday prices. The spot dollar/euro exchange markets were also active at 3.4405-12 levels for the day with both commercial and interbank dealing up over Wednesday.

LONDON (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London 445.50  
Paris 438.35  
Frankfurt 447.25  
Zurich 451.25  
Hong Kong 440.00

## U.S. may ease ban on S.Africa

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan's administration, urged by the U.S. Commerce Department, is reconsidering a decision to prohibit export to South Africa of sophisticated metallurgical equipment that could be used in making critical components for nuclear weapons, the *Washington Post* said Wednesday.

The *Post* said its information came from government sources who were not identified.

In another story, the *Post* said U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz is making an effort to work out a politically acceptable system for increasing sales of U.S. nuclear technology abroad.

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The *Post* cited a source as saying the press could be very useful to a country seeking to build nuclear weapons. It said that the U.S. in recent years has rejected efforts by several countries, including Israel, India and Taiwan to buy these presses. It also has successfully urged Sweden, the only other nation that manufactures a comparable press, not to export it to countries that might be developing nuclear weapons.

A South African attempt to purchase one of the presses was rejected by the adminis-

tration earlier this year, the *Post* said, but the Commerce Department, which would license such a sale, has resubmitted the South African export application for a new inter-agency review.

The *Post* said State Department officials expressed particular concern over the reaction of Sweden if the United States, after repeatedly urging the Swedish government not to permit export of the presses, now permitted an American firm to make such a sale to South Africa.

The *Post* reported the State Department officials said a Commerce Department license for export of the hot isostatic press to South Africa requires inter-agency concurrence. This was not required for the department's recent approval of electric shock batons to South Korea and small jets to Iraq.

## BL incurs loss of \$223 million

LONDON, Sept. 16 (R) — State-owned British Leyland (BL) has reported smaller losses, and, according to chairman Sir Michael Edwards, the motor company was on target to break even in its trading next year.

South African-born Sir Michael is due to step down as head of British Leyland at the end of this month after five years in what has been generally described as the hottest seat in British industry.

British Leyland, plagued by strikes and controversies over many years, built more cars and trucks with fewer workers in the first half of 1982. This was due, the company said, primarily to increased efficiency and cost cutting.

It made an overall loss of 143.4 million pounds (\$223 million) in the six months to July 3 compared with 225.8 million sterling (\$380 million) for the corresponding period in 1981.

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## BRIEFS

will supply silicon chips for IBM computers and office machinery under an agreement announced here. The company already makes chips for several electronic data processing companies. The chips for IBM will be mounted on printed circuits. No quantity details were given.

TOKYO, (AP) — The Japanese International Trade and Industry Ministry Thursday announced the formation of Deep Ocean Resources Development Co. Ltd. (DORD) to seek polymetallic nodules as a national project. The ministry's agency of natural resources and energy said the company would search for and develop these nodules lying on the ocean bed.

HONG KONG, (AP) — The People's Bank of China Thursday issued new gold coins for sale abroad to mark the 10th anniversary of the return to normal in relations with Japan, banking sources here said. The coins, of 99.9 percent purity, are stamped with Peking's Temple of Heaven on one side and a giant panda and bamboo leaves on the other, said a spokesman for Po Sang Bank.

DALLAS, (AP) — Texas instruments

## Inflation leaps 7.9 % in Israel

TEL AVIV, Sept. 16 (AP) — The cost of living index leaped 7.9 percent in August as the government continued to hike prices to finance its invasion of Lebanon.

The central bureau of statistics announced that if the current rate continues, inflation would reach 135 percent for 1982. The rate for the last 12 months was 131.7 percent, spokesman David Neuman said.

"The major reason for the increase was government cutbacks in subsidies," Neuman said. The government has reduced its subsidies of basic foods and other items to help meet the estimated \$1 billion cost of the war in Lebanon. It also has raised value-added tax from 12 to 15 percent and introduced other levies, but Neuman said the taxes had little effect on the August increase.

## Bonn okays budget

BONN, Sept. 16 (R) — The West German parliament passed a supplementary federal budget for 1982 which raises expected expenditure for this year by 5.5 billion marks to 246 billion marks.

Finance Minister Manfred Lahnstein told parliament the supplementary budget necessitates an additional 7.2 billion marks in net borrowing requirements, bringing the total for the year to 33.9 billion marks.

The government has a 45-seat majority in the house and the hill passed comfortably, despite the abstention of a member of the Free Democratic Party, the junior partner in Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's coalition, and the votes of the conservative opposition.

## SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

| Authority             | Description  | Tender Number | Tender Price | Closing Date |
|-----------------------|--|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Taif Municipality     | Renovating lighting warehouse  | —             | 200          | Sept. 18     |
| —                     | Study report and design of water cascades for the Conference Palace, Taif    | —             | 200          | Sept. 18     |
| Ministry of Education | Articles for Modern Mathematics of elementary and secondary classes: 1402-03 | 3             | 100          | Oct. 13      |

## PORTS AUTHORITY

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## 1. SHIPS DISCHARGING :

| Berth | Name of Vessel | Agent   | Type of Cargo    | Arrival |
|-------|----------------|---------|------------------|---------|
| 3.    | Khoshio Rex    | O.C.E.  | Reefer           | 9.9.82  |
| 4.    | Maldiva Grace  | O'Trada | Song/Rice/Timber | 9.9.82  |
| 5.    | Bakar          | Attar   | Tobacco/Ganars   | 13.9.82 |
| 6.    | Union Norfolk  | O.C.E.  | Gan/Pipe/Tiles   | 11.9    |



